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BEFORE THE

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF: : Project No.

SUPPLY HEADER PROJECT : PF15-5-000

ATLANTIC COAST PIPELINE PROJECT : PF15-6-000

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Nelson County Middle School Auditorium

6925 Thomas Nelson Highway

Lovington, Virginia 22949

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

The above-entitled matter came on for technical
conference, pursuant to notice, at 7:00 p.m., Kevin Bowman,
the moderator.

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 MR. BOWMAN: Okay so good evening on behalf of
3 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission also known as FERC.
4 I would like to welcome you all here tonight for the public
5 scoping meeting for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply
6 Projects. Let the record show that the public scoping
7 meeting in Lovington, Virginia began at 7:00 p.m. on March
8 18th.

9 My name is Kevin Bowman and I am an environmental
10 scientist with FERC's Office of Energy Projects. So we are
11 here tonight to provide some information with the federal
12 process information to propose Atlantic Coast Pipeline
13 Project and to hear your comments and concerns about these
14 projects.

15 Fundamentally the purpose of tonight's meeting is
16 to provide each of you with an opportunity to give us your
17 comments and tell us what additional environmental issues
18 you think we should address in our analysis of the projects.
19 We have already received numerous comments concerning the
20 projects including alternatives, which is one of the areas
21 that we are receiving input from you tonight.

22 All of your comments will help us to determine
23 what to study as we prepare an environmental impact
24 statement or EIS for the proposed projects. The FERC is the
25 lead federal agency responsible for the National

1 Environmental Policy Act or NEPA for dealing with the
2 projects. It's the lead federal agency for the preparation
3 of the EIS. NEPA requires FERC to analyze the environmental
4 impacts, consider alternatives by identifying appropriate
5 mitigation measures where necessary and proposals before it
6 makes any determinations on whether to approve or deny the
7 project.

8 In addition to the FERC the United States Foreign
9 Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Services, a
10 national wildlife refuge, Army Corp of Engineers and the
11 Bureau of Land Management are currently cooperating
12 agencies. Additional federal, state and local agencies with
13 special expertise are welcome to cooperate as well.

14 I would like to clarify that the proposed project
15 is not conceived by and is not with FERC or cooperating
16 agencies. FERC reviews applications for the authority to
17 build and operate interstate natural gas pipelines and
18 Atlantic Coast Pipeline, LLC and Dominion Transmission,
19 Incorporated are in the process of preparing applications to
20 submit to FERC.

21 Once an application is submitted our obligation
22 is to review that application and prepare the analysis of
23 the environmental impacts. So tonight's meeting is not a
24 public hearing we are not here to do a proposal or make any
25 determinations on its fate. We are here to listen to your

1 concerns that will be considered in our analysis.

2 Pipeline proposals often encounter objections and
3 some are general in nature and some are based on the
4 potential environmental impact. Both of course are
5 important to FERC in different ways. General objections to
6 the projects are considered in the admissions, public
7 convenience and necessity review whereas environmental
8 safety impacts are addressed by FERC they are in the
9 environmental impact statement.

10 February 27, 2015 FERC issued a notice of intent
11 to prepare an environmental impact statement for the project
12 which announced the locations of tonight's meeting, how to
13 file comments and the deadlines for getting them to us.
14 They include affected landowners on our mailing list, the
15 notice of intent as well as landowners affected by the
16 alternatives and general stakeholders.

17 You will notice that in that notice we have that
18 you can submit your comments to FERC by April 28, 2015,
19 however I will note that the end of the scoping period is
20 not the end of the public involvement nor is it the only
21 public input opportunity for the projects. We will continue
22 to accept comments after that deadline throughout the
23 pre-filing process for these projects.

24 However for us to adamantly address your issues,
25 your comments, analyze them and research them we ask that

1 you try to get those to us as soon as possible. So Atlantic
2 Coast and Supply projects are currently in a pre-filing
3 process. That means an application has not yet been
4 submitted. We consider the pre-filing process to be among
5 other things an extension of our scoping process.

6 For us it's a learning process, it's where we
7 educate ourselves about the project, potential issues and
8 the environmental impacts. So during this scoping process
9 we are gathering information and we forego the sources that
10 we use or information provided by the applicant and other
11 federal, state and local agencies are aware and research
12 different issues and information from the public and the
13 formal comments.

14 Once we gather the information developed during
15 the scoping process that application formally filed by
16 application, we will analyze it and prepare a draft
17 environmental impact statement. This draft EIS will be
18 distributed for public comment and it will include an
19 examination of the proposed facility locations as well as
20 alternative sites. We will assess the project's effect on
21 the water bodies of wetlands, the shaping of wildlife,
22 endangered species, cultural resources, soils, land use, air
23 quality, safety and social economics.

24 We will mail that environmental impact statement
25 to our mailing list so if you didn't receive our notice

1 please make sure you give your name and address at the
2 sign-in table outside of the auditorium. Also the EIS will
3 be mailed as a CD so if you prefer a hard copy please let
4 the staff outside know.

5 After the draft EIS is mailed out there will be
6 another public comment period for you to give us comments
7 and feedback on the draft environmental impact statement.
8 So during that period we will hold another public meeting
9 similar to this one, maybe it is in the same location if it
10 is available for you to give us comments on the draft EIS.

11 After that public comment period has ended we
12 will begin organizing all the information gathered to date
13 on the projects and prepare a final environmental impact
14 statement addressing all the comments received. Once we
15 have the final environmental impact statement it is
16 forwarded to the Commissioners at FERC for their
17 consideration.

18 The EIS is not a decision making document, it is
19 merely our analysis of the proposed or the potential impacts
20 of the projects and the other alternatives. The five
21 Commissioners at FERC will use that document as well as
22 other information to make a determination of whether or not
23 to grant authorization for the Project.

24 On December 12, 2014 Atlantic Coast Pipeline and
25 Dominion filed their preliminary information with FERC about

1 their projects. According to those filings the sponsors are
2 proposing two jointly related projects to deliver 1.5
3 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day to markets in West
4 Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina.

5 Dominion representatives are outside in the
6 cafeteria if you have additional questions about the
7 project. So just a couple more things and we will get into
8 taking speakers to hear your comments on the project -- this
9 meeting is being recorded by a transcription service so all
10 of your comments will be transcribed and placed into the
11 public record. When we call your name tonight please step
12 up to the microphone and speak directly into the microphone
13 so that you can be clearly heard by the court reporter,
14 panel and the audience.

15 If you do not wish to speak tonight or you think
16 of something else after the meeting you may provide written
17 comments on the forms outside of the auditorium but we do
18 have a number of speakers that are signed up tonight. We
19 will have to limit everyone to exactly three minutes and we
20 will have a laptop here on the table with a countdown timer
21 to keep you apprised of how much time you have left.

22 When your time runs out I will cut you off in
23 mid-sentence and ask you to return to your seat and call the
24 next speaker. We do not want to limit anyone's comments
25 tonight but to get through all of the speakers we will have

1 to set a timeframe. If you have detailed comments you could
2 summarize tonight and then the full written comments at the
3 table when the meeting ends.

4 If you are a speaker and feel that your comments
5 were previously expressed by another speaker you may simply
6 state that speaker's name and express your endorsement of
7 their comments. If you previously submitted comments and
8 are already on the docket for this project whether it was
9 during the scoping period or prior to the scoping period you
10 do not need to resubmit those comments.

11 I will make sure that we conduct this meeting in
12 a professional form and we are here to hear your comments on
13 the project. Please respect the speaker and the time and
14 respect their three minutes and refrain from interruptions
15 whether you agree with them or not.

16 So with that I think we will go ahead and call
17 our first speaker so if David Honobic or Kristen Lance could
18 run their speaker's list down to me right now. Yeah if you
19 guys could also turn off your cell phones if you haven't
20 already. And remember if you are the first speaker tonight
21 you have that posted up that says speaker number 1, it looks
22 like that gentlemen remembered who that was, could you
23 please state your name.

24 MR. BALLOWE: My name is Carlton Ballowe I'm a
25 native of Nelson County and I am a supporter of the pipeline

1 project. That doesn't mean that I'm looking forward to
2 having the pipeline coming across my property. I am in the
3 path of one of the proposed alternate routes so I do expect
4 that I will have the pipeline crossing my property and I
5 support it nonetheless.

6 And that doesn't mean that I'm crazy and that I'm
7 looking forward to having the pipeline crossing my land, it
8 just means that I consider the benefits. I don't want a
9 pipeline across my property but I do want more affordable
10 energy. I do want a country that is more energy
11 independent. I want a standard of living that is higher.

12 I understand that everything that we do,
13 everything that we buy, everything is affected by the cost
14 of energy and to that extent anything that we do to lower
15 the cost of energy or to improve the delivery systems
16 ultimately lowers the price of all the goods and services
17 that we purchased which improves our standard of living and
18 I do want those things. I do want the cleaner air that we
19 will get from shutting down the coal plants and replacement
20 them with the natural gas fired plants.

21 So my point is is that I learned at a very early
22 age that nothing good in life comes without sacrifices or
23 without trade-offs and to maintain the benefits that I have
24 just described are worth the trade-off of having a pipeline
25 come across my property. As far as the safety is concerned

1 I have used the analogy that even if my house was built
2 astride the pipeline that I would still have a much better
3 chance of being struck by lightning than I would by an
4 accident of that pipeline affecting me.

5 So I would just ask that you consider the
6 benefits and weigh those against the costs and I believe you
7 too will decide that the pipeline is worth it, thank you.

8 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 2 is Bob Cleminson
9 followed by Stewart Harvey and Jimmy Taylor.

10 MR. CLEMINSON: Good evening. My name is Bob
11 Cleminson and I am a resident of Stony Creek, Winnagreen.
12 Barbara and I have lived in beautiful Nelson County since
13 2001. Speaking in favor of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline
14 coming through Nelson County, it is my opinion that
15 Nelsonians will be the cheap benefactors of a natural gas
16 pipeline.

17 Hoping to give back to the community I took over
18 the fundraising for Nelson County Habitat for Humanity. In
19 five years it provides 5 homes to Nelson families in 2002 we
20 became certified as a wood grin first responder and for 9
21 years the sick and injured from Nelson to our surrounding
22 hospitals. We attended many Nelson high school sporting
23 events and was able to attend our grandson's high school
24 graduation last May.

25 I can competently stand before you this evening

1 and say that I have a sense of some of the challenges that
2 face Nelson County. I was motivated to get involved because
3 of misinformation and the negative comments on pipeline
4 construction, safety and economic benefits. Tonight I hope
5 to present to you the facts of how Nelson County and its
6 citizens will benefit from this pipeline.

7 I was employed for 32 years for a major oil
8 company and during this tenure had the opportunity to
9 contract for propane and the Texas Transmission Pipeline
10 running from Houston, Texas to New York. The Buckeye
11 Pipeline starting in Linden, New Jersey to the western
12 border of Pennsylvania. There I managed contracts on diesel
13 heating oil and kerosene for accounts in Pennsylvania.

14 It was at these pipelines that I observed
15 firsthand the safety and efficiency of shipping product.
16 According to North Star Globe natural gas has a record of
17 being safe, reliable and popular. "Natural gas and
18 pipelines is much safer than transporting natural gas by
19 rail or truck".

20 Currently there are 2.3 million miles of natural
21 gas pipelines in the United States, mostly underground.
22 They supply 25% of the country's needs. It's the country's
23 most used heating fuel. Yes pipeline's can be built over
24 mountains where there is hard limestone also called karst
25 which represents 30% of eastern United States, a fact

1 support that thousands of miles of pipelines have been built
2 over these terrains.

3 "The Atlantic Coast Pipeline will be a
4 distraction to the region's beautiful landscape". This
5 concern has no foundation. A pipeline will be mostly
6 underground of three compression stations and a couple of
7 maintenance checkpoints.

8 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired, speaker number
9 3 Jimmy Taylor followed by Don Wheeler.

10 MR. HARVEY: Good evening my name is Stuart
11 Harvey. I live at Winnagreen. I have never been involved
12 in the financial parts of a pipeline or any energy company.
13 I never worked for a pipeline company or an energy company
14 so I am free to talk as I can. I came here to support the
15 pipeline particularly when I heard about the purchase of oil
16 from the Middle East. I think we are in the process one
17 more time of fueling our energy with buying oil or anything
18 else from people who hate us.

19 We did that in the '30's with the Japanese to our
20 disgust. The use of natural gas as an environmental thing
21 since that was brought up, there is certainly a benefit to
22 Nelson County and the surrounding counties in as much as it
23 is real close.

24 The alternative to fueling this energy plan or
25 electric plan in North Carolina is certainly not coal, they

1 are not going to do that, it could be oil and guess where we
2 get the oil, on shipped oil from the Middle East, no thanks.
3 We need to be energy independent much more and this pipeline
4 offers us a great opportunity to do that.

5 The other positive as far as I am concerned is
6 the taxing from Dominion to the economy and to the
7 landowners in Nelson County. It's 1.8 -- 1.6 to 1.8 million
8 per year of tax income which will help our economy, our
9 schools and everything else. It will be good for business,
10 it will certainly encourage people that they can rely on
11 inexpensive energy compared to expensive electricity or
12 other sources of energy.

13 You know we have all heard the negatives, I have
14 certainly heard them from my friends and neighbors and I say
15 environmentally the farmland is going to be unaffected
16 completely by the time after the thing is built. You won't
17 even know it's there. You don't see the pipelines that are
18 there today because they are buried and this one will be
19 buried as well only compressor station is in Buckingham
20 County, you know in Virginia I think.

21 The others are -- well first of all a compressor
22 station there are only three in the whole darn pipeline so
23 it's not a big deal. As far as the depot or station yes it
24 will be 70 foot wide right of way to be clear of trees. You
25 see that today, you know --

1 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired, speaker
2 number 4 Jimmy Taylor. Mr. Taylor will be followed by Don
3 Wheeler and Leonard Burnley. Please refrain from
4 interruptions you take away the time from everyone and your
5 peers, thank you.

6 Please refrain from interruptions as this meeting
7 will take longer and we will not be able to hear from
8 anyone, we want to hear from everyone tonight.

9 People were signed up at the time that they
10 arrived at the facility and put their name on a speaker
11 list. I am not aware of the time that you are concerned,
12 and I am going to ask you to refrain from interrupting my
13 meeting any longer. Mr. Taylor continue with your comments.

14 MR. TAYLOR: Good evening everyone my name is
15 Jimmy Taylor I'm a sub-contractor for public gas, been
16 working on gas lines for over 30 years if you go to Stanton,
17 Pittsburgh, Gainesville, Manassas you probably came across
18 gas lines.

19 Every morning my crew we would do daily levels,
20 safety and environmental issue it's the biggest priority of
21 our entire company. I've built numerous pipelines to
22 schools, hospitals, shopping centers, service lines,
23 distribution lines, transmission lines also.

24 Safety is our biggest focus. We do daily
25 huddles, we talk about any problems we are going to approach

1 in the day, we talk with homeowners, city officials who are
2 highly regulated by the state regulations and the gas
3 companies. I can only tell you safety is our biggest,
4 biggest priority.

5 I'm a big supporter, I have had gas on my
6 property before never had a problem.

7 MR. BOWMAN: Please do not interrupt the speaker.

8 MR. TAYLOR: I don't foresee any problems in the
9 future with this pipeline. It seems very well managed.
10 Columbia is very well managed also. Their pipeline is
11 probably 70 plus years old so you know there's more we do
12 numerous testing on the lines. I can just stress that
13 safety and life and everything is of high importance for
14 every company that does natural gas pipelines, thank you.

15 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 5 is Don Wheeler
16 followed by Leonard Burnley and Renee Deshane. Is Don
17 Wheeler here?

18 MR. WHEELER: Good evening my name is Don Wheeler
19 and I am here tonight to speak in support of the pipeline.
20 I should also mentioned that I appreciate you all coming
21 down tonight and providing us all the opportunity to voice
22 our opinions. There has been much discussion recently on
23 the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and the projected route to cross
24 national forest lands and tonight I would like to present
25 some of the accurate facts so that you can make an informed

1 decision of the projected path of the project.

2 First let me start by highlighting the current
3 production on national forest lands of all of the natural
4 gas generated 361 billion dollars in bonus and royalty
5 payments to the U.S. Treasury in fiscal year 2010. This is
6 money that is returned to states and counties for schools
7 and roads. This is money that goes right back into our
8 communities for public use.

9 Second the facts many are sharing about the
10 beauty of the forest lands being destroyed by this pipeline
11 are simply incomplete. The pipeline is virtually invisible.
12 Pictures connected with this project that we have seen on
13 social media and in the local papers do not accurately
14 reflect what this project will look like when it is
15 complete.

16 The pipeline will be fully buried and the
17 rights-of-way maintained. This is not Alaska. Third,
18 according to the forest service special use database
19 currently 14,400 miles of electric transmission lie in 6600
20 miles of pipelines are under special use permits in national
21 forest lands. Currently 1.6 acres of land are released and
22 producing oil and natural gas from federal, mineral estate
23 for the gas reserves located in national forest lands.

24 Once this project is completed the 75 foot
25 right-of-way with cleared green space above the pipeline

1 would only impact a total of about 270 acres of the over 1.9
2 million acres in the national forest lands in our area.
3 This project is emotional for many and protecting the beauty
4 of our forest is important however I feel comforted with the
5 help of government agencies reviewing this project including
6 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

7 This project will be completed and the beauty of
8 our region and forest we cherish will be protected. I
9 suggest that local residents review the facts and benefits
10 of this project before jumping to conclusions. I also ask
11 that the Commission approve this project and allow our
12 community to benefit from energy independence, new jobs and
13 affordable electric gas, thank you.

14 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 6 is Leonard Burnley
15 followed by Renee Deshane and Charles Pierce.

16 MR. BURNLEY: I'm Leonard Burnley and I was born
17 in Nelson County in the Winnagreen area and I support the
18 pipeline 100 percent and I support our country because I
19 think we need to have our own energy here and I appreciate
20 and admire and standup for it.

21 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 7 is Renee Deshane followed
22 by Charles Pierce and Jerry Sprouse.

23 MS. DESHANE: Hello my name is Renee Deshane. I
24 live in the Pine River area and go to Pine River Baptist
25 Church. I just finished 20-something years. My first job

1 was at Long Fish Elementary so it always had a place in my
2 heart. I think people are so concerned that they don't
3 realize all the peripheral jobs that will be coming along
4 with it.

5 Because people have jobs and people have made
6 money, they go to restaurants, they go get their hair done,
7 they get their houses fixed up, they hire carpenters and
8 electricians and brick layers.

9 Anyway it is a good idea because I haven't heard
10 of any pipeline blowing up lately except for ten years ago.

11 Anyway I still agree -- I still am in support of
12 the pipeline, thank you very much.

13 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 8 is Charles Pierce
14 followed by Jerry Sprouse, followed by David Patton.
15 Charles Pierce? Okay, Jerry Sprouse.

16 MR. SPROUSE: Good evening. My name is Jerry
17 Sprouse and I live in Nelson County and I support this
18 pipeline for a lot of reasons. It may not create a lot of
19 jobs if the pipeline comes through that will be done by
20 probably sub-contractors or whatever but the down the road,
21 the future of this county depends on jobs. Without it you
22 are going to get what you got right now, minimum wage jobs.

23 MR. BOWMAN: Please silence interruptions.

24 MR. SPROUSE: This pipeline project will provide
25 jobs of the future for your children and your grandchildren,

1 that's who is going to get jobs if you will allow and if you
2 will insist on the company putting a tap line so that we may
3 benefit from the use of this pipeline, gas in the future,
4 not now, but 10 years from now maybe.

5 If not what are your children going to do? Nice
6 high school we go to here, paid for by you and the county.
7 There are no colleges here, there's no high paying jobs
8 here. There are no technical industries here, so you argue
9 to force to open the Rock Fish Valley over here with a
10 resort, restaurants or whatever.

11 If you don't open your eyes to the future and see
12 that the jobs -- if you want to keep your children here if
13 they don't have jobs, high paying jobs, then you will not
14 have the future because the tax rate due to keep up with the
15 growing economy and everything else will force you to where
16 you cannot afford to pay your property taxes or whatever
17 because of no jobs.

18 And everybody else will have to move out of the
19 county and the people that will be living here will be just
20 like Telluride and all those other places, we will be the
21 wealthy. There are a lot of residents here and they won't
22 have to worry about it but you will and your children will.
23 This pipeline will provide jobs, maybe not right away but if
24 you get a tap line and later on develop some industries,
25 high-tech industries you will benefit from it and so will

1 your children and your grandchildren because they will still
2 be here for a while, thank you.

3 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 10 David Patton,
4 followed by David Baine, followed by Steven Kendall. David
5 Patton? I'm going to ask -- we are going to call new names
6 from now on and ask the first person to come up to the
7 lector and the second person grab that seat on the stage so
8 that we can continue to get through speakers in a more
9 efficient and timely manner.

10 MR. PATTON: Good evening my name is David Patton
11 and I'm from Buckingham County and I'm for the pipeline
12 coming through and it will create some jobs I'm sure for
13 some of the local people and to see with things further in
14 this country rather than having to worry about gas, we can
15 do away with this because I worked for --Management for 23
16 years and I know what burning fuel oil smelled like.

17 I've tried to stand many, many times for
18 pollution. For 7 million dollars to get through the
19 pollution and stuff if we had had natural gas then we
20 wouldn't have all of this problem. I am for the pipeline
21 and I know a lot of my friends it's running across their
22 land, I am for it myself and for what it stands for and what
23 it will really do for this country and I thank you.

24 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 11 David Baine, Steven
25 Kendall, take these two seats up here. Please take oh --

1 you can stay there you are close enough, all right Steven
2 you may take the floor.

3 MR. KENDALL: Good evening. The problem is not
4 the pipeline. The problem is enough energy. There is not
5 enough energy because there are too many people and there's
6 more people. The pipeline is the future. So the question
7 is do we tell certain people you can't have energy today? I
8 don't think so. I think what we need to do is provide the
9 electricity that we need.

10 That Nelson County almost had a brownout two
11 years ago. We don't have enough electricity. If the
12 pipeline had been in place that would not have been a
13 problem at all.

14 MR. BOWMAN: No interruptions please.

15 MR. KENDALL: Okay guys if big -- (Inaudible)

16 I've been bringing most of my life, I was
17 recycling, I worked at the first Earth Day, I've been in
18 composting for 40 years but I use electricity. Most people
19 in Nelson County use a lot of electricity. There are some
20 of you that don't have air conditioning, don't have central
21 heat and that's -- and I thank you for helping the
22 environment.

23 But the fact is most of us in Nelson County do
24 need reliable cheap electricity. I am hearing folks saying
25 that the pipeline does nothing for Nelson County. That's

1 rather short-sided. The pipeline built by mortar and
2 brought cheap electricity for us. The pipeline will
3 generate 1.6 million dollars every year in Nelson County.
4 The pipeline will deliver natural gas to our homes. Many
5 who are against pipeline are against clean coal, fracking,
6 off-shore drilling, building new fracking plants, nuclear
7 generating electricity, in fact they are against
8 electricity.

9 Do I get extra time because they interrupt me?

10 MR. BOWMAN: Continue.

11 MR. KENDALL: Those people are highly emotional.
12 They get up, they interrupt people and they win some
13 arguments but that does not mean they are right. I am for
14 the pipeline for now and the future we have to do it some
15 way -- thank you all for being here.

16 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired the next
17 speaker is Lorraine Ivy followed by Chad Oba followed by
18 Alex George.

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20 MR. AGELASTO: I'm Peter Agelasto. I'm here --

21 MR. BOWMAN: Can you spell that for me please?

22 MR. AGELASTO: A-g-e-l-a-s-t-o and we are part of
23 the Rockfish Valley Foundation. We have found 1 was
24 expected to be exempted as a consultant on historic resource
25 matters and I'm here to speak briefly on that subject. But

1 before I do that I would suggest from an agricultural
2 standpoint please make note of two things.

3 The explosion of the invasive plant species will
4 come from the construction and the compaction of the land
5 that I can give you examples and show people cannot be
6 restored.

7 But on to the historic resources -- I'm not
8 against pipelines. I am not against energy independence but
9 we have got to be very careful in Nelson County where the
10 pipeline should go. We have historic districts, we have
11 historic properties, we need to have that studied very
12 carefully by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.

13 And I know your program requires you to do that
14 and one of the things that you will discover in the Rockfish
15 Valley is that Rockfish is a rural historic district.
16 Within that district there is an alternative, that
17 alternative runs across the property of a registered
18 historic property the Winnegreen Country store. In that
19 Winnegreen Country store property there is a very
20 significant archeology site that contains the origin of the
21 Winnegreen Commercial Center.

22 Within that there are old hills, there are old
23 buildings that are any number of elements in phase one
24 proposal for that archeology site has been presented and the
25 foundation is going forward with that, we just need the

1 funding to do. Today I was able to go in on the site and
2 study it with people who had machines that I didn't even
3 know existed and I am convinced that the pipeline
4 alternative will destroy the Spruce Street bridge, a
5 historic three lane bridge over 151. It appears to me with
6 that question that the boundary of the pipeline goes along
7 and covers the entire bridge. It then runs down into the
8 historic area and so all of this is registered but I will
9 say that that's the same Rockfish Valley the history and
10 cultural in the north Rockfish, thank you.

11 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 13 is Chad Oba
12 followed by Alex George.

13 MS. OBA: Good evening I have been raised --
14 The National Environmental Policy Act, particularly on the
15 importance to the public participation process, directing
16 the special federal agencies should provide opportunities
17 for commentary input into the process. Agencies are further
18 directed to -- this is the problem, "identify potential
19 effects and mitigation measures and consultation with
20 affected communities and to improve the accessibility of
21 making documents and notices."

22 Dominion although it did provide on information
23 meeting in September has not provided enough in our county.
24 We are updating the compressor station and 32,000 horsepower
25 compressor station and all that's goes with that.

1 It also did provide that one meeting it didn't
2 provide another in our company as requested and we were told
3 we would get and in particular it didn't give one to the
4 landowners and citizens affected by the newly proposed
5 project.

6 We also requested a FERC scoping meeting in
7 Buckingham County and we are usually given a date that our
8 borders to the county told us what we have for it and it
9 will take place in Buckingham but that also did not happen
10 as promised. Many of my neighbors had to travel outside of
11 the county to do work schedules performed.

12 I have seen this as a largely disadvantage and
13 something in the public process of this ACP application.
14 Many citizens continue to be under-informed. Many didn't
15 have any of the assets or capability and have not had the
16 opportunity to have a public participation process with
17 Dominion resources or with your agency.

18 Just some questions on who here would like to
19 live within mile from the compressor station. Comment on
20 that, okay again, once, twice, okay thanks.

21 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 15 Alex George, then Harold
22 Pillar followed by Fred Perry.

23 MR. GEORGE: Good evening my name is Alex George
24 and I currently live temporarily in Richmond, Virginia. I
25 am the son of a pipefitter and I also do electrical work. I

1 have served in the gas and electric utilities for the past
2 35 years. I want to know that this pipeline will be an
3 economic benefit, not just short term but all the time.

4 Our domestic efforts in relation to energy
5 independence in the last year and a half to two years has
6 been tremendous. In January of this year they posted that
7 we cost OPEC 270 million dollars just in the month of
8 January because of our domestic production and guess what
9 OPEC did, they increased production because they want to put
10 our facilitators back in business so they can lower the oil
11 rates so they put our domestic suppliers out of business.

12 I want to reverse that trend. I want the energy
13 independence. I don't want to send any more of our boys to
14 the Middle East. I think that currently 40% of our energy
15 production is through coal. It's not going to last. Every
16 utility around the country is transforming coal plants to
17 gas powered plants.

18 It's cleaner, it's cheaper and it's better for
19 America. I will tell you this FERC and Dominion will
20 continue to be great stewards for the state of Virginia.
21 You may laugh but it is true. Dominion has been a great
22 steward for the state of Virginia. If this pipeline would
23 be built safe with the least amount of environmental impact,
24 thank you.

25 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Harold Pillar,

1 followed by Fred Perry, followed by Emily Niday.

2 MR. PILLAR: My name is Harold Pillar. I don't
3 live in Augusta, Nelson County I live in Allomar County. I
4 would like to divide this up into three different phases.
5 The first phase what is the advantage of gas. There is no
6 residue there is no coal impoundments, for hashed
7 impoundments that may fail. There's no nuclear reactor
8 raised that has to be stored in the caverns in the back.

9 The other thing that natural gas gives us is
10 constant energy in our homes. We don't have gas outages.
11 I'm nearly 3/4 's of a century old and I have never heard of
12 a gas outage. I go through two and three power outages
13 every year where I live okay. That's the advantage of gas.
14 The advantages of the gas pipeline are the gas has to go
15 from somewhere where it changes to somewhere that it is seen
16 and if this happens it has insured us in West Virginia that
17 it is needed in Virginia and North Carolina.

18 Now, the gas we get from the gas companies are
19 going to be called greedy and money hungry and everything,
20 that's fine. But I am going to benefit from it also. I
21 live a mile away from the gas line and this past me, the
22 propane and the propane in broken pipes and broken diggers
23 by my house. Now that's a pure fact. The gas that had been
24 in there that they would have built it one mile, 3,000 miles
25 of gas pipeline in Virginia is the not. We need at least

1 one more to my house and we need a lot from West Virginia to
2 North Carolina through Virginia.

3 Now the other thing is let's forget about the
4 jobs. Let's talk about wealth distribution. That's a
5 favorite of a lot of people is wealth distribution. This
6 gas line is going to cost 5 billion dollars. A lot of that
7 money is going to be spent in Virginia. If that isn't
8 wealth distribution I don't know what is.

9 And that's a capitalist system working at the
10 best it can be. We don't need someone giving out welfare
11 checks and calling it welfare distribution. We can go get
12 jobs and help this country build itself. I don't have much
13 time. I cannot express my opinion in the time but thank you
14 very much.

15 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Fred Perry
16 followed by Emily Niday followed by Scott Seaton.

17 MR. PERRY: Good evening. I am a native of
18 Nelson County, I was born and raised here, my mother sent me
19 out of Canada at 13 so then I went on to Virginia and
20 graduated as a civil engineer. I was 35 years in the
21 transportation business, the railroad industry which the
22 federal government and the EPA are trying to put out of
23 business by eliminating the use of coal in this country
24 which is not a bad thing in a way it's a real dirty
25 enterprise. It costs a lot of miners get killed every day

1 out there, well not every day but it's been safer these days
2 but it is not desirable is it.

3 This project here fits right in gas is friendly
4 to the competition to the danger. It's fits all the
5 criteria and you can take it anywhere you want it and that's
6 why we have to have the pipeline. What I would like to ask
7 you and my fellow citizens here today is to thank your soul
8 this is a great thing, it is flowed through a deprived area
9 of our state now that lost two of its biggest industries,
10 the tobacco industry and the furniture industry and this
11 will go in an area where maybe some other town can tap into
12 this facility.

13 So it does have the pride of good opportunity to
14 bring jobs. Now I am familiar with North Carolina that's
15 more of an industrial area already down there, but all I
16 want to do is give this a fair chance because it is a good
17 thing and it will go through. I know what eminent domain
18 means, they are home place straddling 29 highway back in the
19 1900's there was no road at all, there were one lane roads
20 and then a few years later a two lane roads and then a few
21 years later came a four lane road, it took land from both
22 guys about that property so it is not a thing that hasn't --
23 I have a road through my farm now but that was all right
24 wasn't it.

25 We have it and are okay with the powers to be the

1 state highway department and that's what you will do here,
2 you will get a fair price. The industry today is not
3 present.

4 We in my industrial the railroad industry we
5 wanted to be good neighbors. I went to many meetings and I
6 was in charge of the railroad for 15 years between Lynchburg
7 and Alexandra. I transferred back in for 15 or my 35 years
8 right here in Nelson County in charge of the railroad, that
9 was my biggest -- but remember this is a good thing.

10 Given the fact trains, to answer your questions
11 safety is a primary fact of all industries, that changes the
12 existence with new --

13 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired, speaker 18
14 Emily Niday followed by Scott Seaton, followed by Joe
15 McClellan.

16 MR. COOPER: Good evening I'm not Emily, I'm
17 Craig Cooper.

18 MR. BOWMAN: Spell your name please?

19 MR. COOPER: C-r-a-i-g C-o-o-p-e-r.

20 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you.

21 MR. COOPER: I'm here speaking on behalf of the
22 Rocker's Felling Foundation. The prominent sector being
23 through are simply for entry things covered by the
24 Department of the Rocker's Felling Foundation is predecessor
25 with the friends for Rock House Watershed, have over 15

1 years of experience in response to this in a large number of
2 document study reports about the geology of rivers, streams,
3 watersheds, natural habitat, history, culture and historic
4 aspects of our area.

5 This information exists and I have provided a
6 list of documents to FERC, documents of things. These have
7 been in existence for a while they are as valid today as
8 they were when they were approved for the past 15 years.
9 These documents demonstrate the intense risk associated with
10 NACP and there is no need to do a survey to do a data
11 search. We have given you the information and it could be
12 done.

13 First the written comments a list of 20 different
14 documents -- this list shows those things compared to the
15 past 15 years, the hydraulity, geology, natural features,
16 and historical assets of Nelson County haven't changed and
17 any violation of things and by reasonable persons they came
18 to a conclusion, Nelson County is the wrong place for any
19 pipeline.

20 The Foundation considered a vital and impressed
21 how each and every one of the points of the said documents I
22 provided list those who will be impacted by each and every
23 pipeline around, alternative routes or perspective route
24 changes. Secondly the Foundation directs the attention of
25 FERC to the important report entitled green infrastructure

1 strategies in Nelson County dated December 16, 2010 prepared
2 by the University of Virginia -- a re-infrastructure -- this
3 report went through a series of public hearings and had to
4 include public input from that time.

5 This report includes 11 maps of Nelson County
6 showing the habitat quarters, high intensity forest
7 quarters, forest quarters, connector quarters, control
8 creed, existing conservation easement plans, water sheds
9 made to rivers, prime soils map, critical slopes, those over
10 25% steepest, parcel boundaries, watersheds, nature
11 reserves, public wells and all sorts of assets.

12 It's pretty plain --

13 MR BOWMAN: Your time has expired. The next
14 speaker is Scott Seaton.

15 MR. SEATON: Thank you, I am Scott Seaton I live
16 in Augusta County. I live across the street Scott Seaton
17 S-e-a-t-o-n. I live in Augusta County I live across the
18 street from the pipeline. The Atlantic Coast Pipeline will
19 provide economic and environmental benefits for our region.
20 Without the pipeline our region's reality will be higher
21 energy prices paid by all. Further downgrade of a region's
22 economic competitiveness marginalization of our economically
23 disadvantaged citizens who struggle already in this
24 difficult economy, locally all the businesses struggling to
25 stay open and exportation of our children to other reasons

1 to find good paying jobs.

2 The AC pipeline is not about corporate greed.
3 Coal powered plants are set to shut down in Virginia, West
4 Virginia and North Carolina, approximately 33 gigawatts of
5 power will need to be replaced, we can expect costs to go
6 dramatically higher for governments, schools, businesses and
7 households.

8 If our governments at multiple levels have spent
9 less on energy due to lower energy prices, these governments
10 can spend more on necessary priorities helping economically
11 disadvantaged and our schools. If our group of schools do
12 not spend as much on heating, fuel, electricity more of
13 their budgets can be spend on improving the education of our
14 children.

15 With lower energy prices the economically
16 disadvantaged families will have more money to support their
17 families and to spend locally on businesses rather than
18 sending it to Richmond. We have already seen this with
19 lower gasoline prices which have benefited all of us.

20 The AC pipeline will provide us with a secure,
21 cheap natural gas resource that will ensure our region's
22 economic competitiveness now and in the future for our local
23 businesses keeping our industry prices low is necessary to
24 attract and retain quality businesses with high paying jobs
25 to our area.

1 Without these high paying jobs our children have
2 to leave the area in search of these jobs. We can make
3 these jobs more plentiful in the region in the future
4 contrast to what our inaction will do to our economy.
5 Already due to energy insecurity and lack of solutions for
6 increasing energy and electricity demands, large businesses
7 have not decided to locate in Virginia.

8 If we do not get these new employers to our
9 region everyone in all respects of our economy are hurt.
10 Nelson County will benefit from a tax on the pipeline which
11 could be dedicated to good technologies in schools combined
12 with energy savings from this pipeline, Nelson County can
13 improve education at all levels which is another factor that
14 attracts high paying employers to our region.

15 Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel. Its
16 combustion produces less sulfur and nitrogen contained
17 glycerin for the amount of energy. More efficiently it
18 provides energy and electricity. Natural gas powered
19 vehicles such as transit buses are a growing important
20 segment of the transportation sector in large cities, they
21 help reduce smaller pollution from diesel or gas powered
22 cars and buses.

23 Additionally carbon monoxide emissions are
24 reduced by over 90% by vehicles using compressed natural
25 gas. Pipeline construction can be done safely.

1 MR. BOWMAN: Interruptions.

2 MR. SEATON: I hope you would approve this
3 thank you.

4 MR. BOWMAN: I'll be the time keeper you do not
5 need to, all right so the next speaker is Joe McClellan
6 followed by Swami Dayanada followed by Hazel Palmer.

7 MR. MCCLELLAN: Good evening my name is Joe
8 McClellan and I'm not a native of Nelson County but I moved
9 here in 1945. I just wanted to mention a couple of things
10 that have happened in my lifetime but I would consider this
11 pipeline -- I was a petroleum stripper back in the early
12 '60's and at that time we used to get our petroleum from
13 Baltimore, Maryland, Greenville, North Carolina and below
14 Richmond.

15 And after a few years they built a pipeline in
16 Roanoke to Virginia, there is still a facility down there
17 and our transportation costs we have had transportation.
18 That pipeline in that storage facility was provided by our
19 neighbors in Southern Virginia to people in Nelson County
20 didn't benefit from that facility but they maintained a
21 reduce price of energy because of all the gas made energy
22 cheaper costs and so I think that we should consider our
23 neighbors in Virginia down to Richmond and also North
24 Carolina.

25 Just because it doesn't help us directly at this

1 particular time we should consider those it does help. A
2 lot of things have happened to me in the military, my
3 grandfather -- grandparents on my grandmother's side settled
4 down in Indiana
5 and that house is about 2 foot thick in brick because they
6 had to -- when it was built. As a child I went out there to
7 visit and the barn and the house and I felt kind of bad
8 because we had to in those days we didn't have any.

9 We had to walk the road to the barn and I think
10 that my grandparents had been a little more, or better
11 negotiated with the highway department and had the land
12 around the barn and the house, one way or the other.

13 Later on --

14 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired.

15 MR. MCCLELLAN: Excuse me, thank you.

16 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 21 is Swami Dayananda,
17 followed by Hazel Palmer, followed by Christine White.

18 MS. DAYANANDA: Do you need my name spelled?

19 MR. BOWMAN: I have it written down thank you.

20 MS. DAYANANDA: So my name is Swami Dayananda. I
21 have lived in Buckingham County for 32 years. Today I am
22 here in Nelson County to speak as a Buckingham County member
23 resident about the serious health risks of the compression
24 station that was mentioned by the previous speaker.

25 I will speak on account of my 91 year old mom who

1 is also a landowner in Buckingham and first of all our
2 friends of Nelson it's really great to be here with to
3 together to make a statement.

4 You know I think we are really going to stick
5 together to oppose this pipeline. What this means, what our
6 lawyers told us unite, be together with everybody and when
7 do the lawyers ever say to be united, so let us be united,
8 let's work together, friends of Nelson and Buckingham we
9 want to work with you.

10 So next the gentleman said it's not a big deal
11 about the compressor station. In Buckingham it is a very
12 big deal. Let me quote Dr. Laressa Griska whose work with
13 scientists and doctors proved scientifically that
14 infrastructure of natural gas can cause serious
15 complications. This study continued.

16 Let me continue the serious health risks are now
17 well documented. People do get sick around compressor
18 stations and Dr. Griska and Gina, the 2013 grand study of
19 Pennsylvania have determined that 60 to 70% of the estimated
20 damages, mostly in the health result from compressor station
21 activities and why moving them here is important because
22 people get sick and they are bound by disclosure agreement
23 not to be able to say anything.

24 Craig Stevens said emissions from the compressor
25 stations are not being monitored regularly and well. We

1 need to ask FERC and energy industries to do more studies.
2 Finally on behalf of Buckingham residents and you, please do
3 health impact assessment studies.

4 And why these studies are important about bodies
5 also in the environment. Our health is very important so
6 and one American even said that FERC is a rogue agency,
7 Commissioners of FERC.

8 (LOUD APPLAUSE)

9 MR. BOWMAN: Next speaker is Hazel Palmer,
10 Christine White followed by Bob Carter.

11 MS. PALMER: My name is Hazel Palmer. I own a
12 property in Nelson County adjoining the parks services close
13 to the parkway. The land that I own is off of Reeves Camp
14 Road and it is the last leg of the pipeline before it goes
15 through the mountains to under wooded greens.

16 I do not support the pipeline going through my
17 property because I have four springs on this property and
18 timber is grown on this property which I will lose income
19 from if they decide to go through this route. And also for
20 historical reasons I have pictures here of rock fences that
21 I have on my property and I think all of the timber that
22 they will be cutting out in order to put in this pipeline in
23 the distinct terrain with the water runoff I don't care how
24 many berms that they place there will be a lot of water
25 runoff from this.

1 So I am urging you to not do this, thank you.

2 MR. BOWMAN: Christine White, Bob Carter,
3 followed by Helen Kimble.

4 MS. WHITE: Good evening just for the information
5 of the people who questioned I arrived here at 6 PM to sign
6 up for speaking. I'm opposed to the pipeline. There are
7 some things I would hope FERC will consider in their
8 consideration. One is to suspend the scoping period, we now
9 have a significant alternative plan in Nelson County that
10 the residents have not had time to prepare for.

11 So instead of 60 days I'm hoping the scope can be
12 extended to 90. Some of the other things I want to deal
13 with is the socio-economic impacts. In Nelson County there
14 is zero -- there is no new jobs, yes there will be temporary
15 jobs. There is no revenue to Nelson County unless the make
16 reference to the Board of Supervisors resolution to that
17 fact.

18 I just met prior to this meeting -- who is the
19 only 1700 permanent jobs at the end of the construction.
20 That is not a significant number of jobs for the number of
21 counties that will be destroyed. Those jobs will be at
22 compressor stations, Hampton Roads and in North Carolina.

23 The other thing I would like everyone to consider
24 and FERC is the emergency plans that for the accidents that
25 will be inevitable. One of the things that I find and I

1 suggest that you look at page 25 if you picked up this
2 booklet -- the responsibility of those accidents will be not
3 the responsibility of the oil companies, it will become the
4 taxpayer's responsibility under the Department of
5 Transportation.

6 Please consider the impact of Nelson County and
7 all the other counties that will lose property values,
8 natural resources, fire wood and environmental impacts to
9 you, thank you very much.

10 MR. BOWMAN: Bob Carter followed by Helen Kimble,
11 and followed by Hannah Wiegard.

12 MR. CARTER: Good evening my name is Bob Carter,
13 I live in Nelson County on the Sage Bridge Road less than a
14 mile from the proposed alternative route of the pipeline and
15 if this had happened before the meeting proposes yet another
16 alternative route my wife and I like many of you, may soon
17 receiving a letter from the same letters that you all
18 received.

19 I am here representing the Nelson County
20 Historical Society, our board and our 350 members. We are
21 deeply concerned about the real and potential effects of the
22 proposed pipeline on historic properties in Nelson County.
23 We urge your agency to assess the full impact of this major
24 undertaking of construction project on historic and cultural
25 resources and to insure that this project will avoid to the

1 fullest extent possible any adverse effects on historic
2 properties that are either eligible or listed on the
3 national register of places.

4 Based on our research today in the archives of
5 the Virginia State Preservation Office the area of potential
6 effect of this project will be Nelson County minimally
7 encompasses 416 historic properties that have been
8 previously recorded in the Department of Inventory for
9 cultural resources. This number 416 includes a combined
10 total of 338 individually reported historic buildings and
11 structures, 4 historic districts and 94 previously recorded
12 prehistoric and historic archeological sites.

13 As you develop the EIS it is important that your
14 agency recognize that this 416 represents only the tip of
15 the iceberg. Nelson County has not been comprehensively
16 surveyed for archeological resources although a good survey
17 has been done. As the lead federal agency in the 106 review
18 process, you have a legal responsibility to consider the
19 full impact of this project on all historic properties
20 within the area of potential effect including those which
21 have yet to be identified or reported in the Department of
22 Resources inventory.

23 As you develop your EIS we urge you to take a
24 comprehensive view of the depth and breadth of the historic
25 and cultural resources that exist within the project's

1 reach. Not only buildings, churches, sites, districts and
2 archeological sites but also cemeteries, burial grounds,
3 cultural landscapes that could be directly adversely
4 impacted but have yet to be reported.

5 To site one example our society has filed in the
6 public with a Census catalogue over 400 cemeteries in
7 Nelson. None of these cemeteries have been recorded in the
8 Department of Historic Resources data. Since the
9 announcement of February 23rd we have been cooperating with
10 landowners to record all of these cemeteries and burial
11 sites.

12 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is up.

13 MR. CARTER: We are running out of time and we
14 would like for you to get a statement from you.

15 MR. BOWMAN: Helen Kimble, Hannah Wiegard
16 followed by Brad White.

17 MS. KIMBLE: I am Helen Kimble and I am going to
18 cede my time to Deanna Mitchelson.

19 MR. BOWMAN: Spell your name?

20 MS. MITCHELSON: Deanna M-i-t-c-h-e-l-s-o-n.
21 Good evening I represent the concerns of the proposed route
22 along Willis Cove in Shipman. We have done quite a bit of
23 research regarding the risk of the dangers of this pipeline.
24 Jeff Applecamp a spokesman of the gas processor suppliers
25 said in an NBC interview that he needed "risk base"

1 information. This is in response to someone's perceived
2 idea that more regulation should be required for
3 installations of the pipeline in rogue areas.

4 Applecamp wanted risk base information but my
5 response to him is to simply apply condensates. Common
6 sense says that Nelson's deep and rain filtered rain has
7 already caused landslides this was evident in 1969 and in
8 1972. A plan to drop more condensates if you have a period
9 of blasting into the mountains to make 8 foot holes you are
10 going to increase the destabilization of these mountain
11 slides.

12 Add another 42 inch pipe with a smooth surface
13 into this 8 foot hole and you have a perfect formula for
14 even more landslides and in my world landslides are a risk.
15 In Virginia and West Virginia a lot of men hours have built
16 at the foot of these mountains. Some towns and many
17 communities found that these exist at the base of these
18 mountains, so again common sense tells me if you put the
19 same pipeline in the mountain there will be sliding of soil.

20 Put that same pipeline in the mountain above
21 these communities or around these houses and there again
22 will be a sliding of the soil. These landslides can
23 adversely affect the homes and lives of many families
24 including my own. I assume that these meet the definition
25 of risk. My point is that they are life and death scenarios

1 that in my world do not require the completion of a study it
2 only requires common sense and a sincerity to do the right
3 thing.

4 It also requires some federal safety commissions
5 to be strong enough to protect the people. Now with that
6 same scenario the loss of home or any of its properties,
7 word of mouth simply takes to provide this required
8 restoration. Common sense again tells me most private
9 insurance companies do not like lost items, so officially
10 areas with frequent and disastrous histories run the risk of
11 having covered or increasing the premium such that it is
12 difficult to afford.

13 So what is the responsibility of the corporation
14 that created the scenario What did the law saw about this,
15 how delinquent is it for an average lawyer to hold an army
16 of lawyers accountable.

17 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired.

18 MS. MITCHELSON: Thank you.

19 MR. BOWMAN: Hannah Wiegard, followed by Brad
20 White.

21 MS. WIEGARD: Thank you for holding this session.
22 My name is Hannah Wiegard I run a regional advocacy
23 non-profit organization of election voices which has joined
24 local homeowners recently in order to elevate citizen and
25 environmental concerns about the proposed pipeline. We have

1 heard many and what I wanted to mention briefly tonight is
2 that the direct environmental impacts of the proposed route
3 we have heard about those from the Rock Valley folks
4 tonight, they have been well identified by local experts
5 already, I would also like to also echo the remarks of the
6 previous speaker to the effect that the fragile terrain you
7 proposed as grasses to the pipeline itself.

8 The topography in this forest is known to
9 collapse unpredictably producing sinkholes. We have heard
10 this from many folks. In reference to the pipeline those
11 conditions present problems including leaks that can go
12 undetected with the greater likelihood of rupture with
13 catastrophic consequences.

14 However the recent increase in installed solar in
15 North Carolina shows us another path. It's an example that
16 shows that our region does have pollution free renewable
17 options remaining under need demand. These are abundant yet
18 largely untapped.

19 These do not delay the recreations in the valley
20 of our most pristine areas, they don't jeopardize the health
21 of area rivers and forests, they are affordable, reliable
22 and safe and we are just beginning to tap them.

23 Again so please ask FERC to determine how to
24 comprehensibly account for the environmental costs of this
25 pipeline if it were built. I urge the Commission's staff to

1 look closely at the ways in which sensitive eco-systems
2 interact with unstable geology and propose an immense
3 challenge for safely maintaining the pipeline in this
4 location.

5 Please be thorough in stating the environmental
6 impacts of the project and determining whether or not it
7 meets public convenience and necessity requirements, thank
8 you.

9 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 27 Brad White, followed by
10 Andre Geardon, followed by Larry Herring.

11 MR. WHITE: Good evening I live in eastern Nelson
12 County along the proposed east of Loggerstown route. I am
13 basically going to echo a couple of concerns that the
14 previous speakers said so I will be brief. My main concern
15 about the construction of the pipeline is the potential for
16 landslides and the associated catastrophic explosion that
17 may occur if that were to happen.

18 The reason that I am so concerned about
19 landslides is mainly two things, one it could take away all
20 the trees, it could take away something that is awesome that
21 taking ground water out of the ground so when it rains you
22 are going to have potentially an increased ground water
23 recharge rate over the pipeline or rainwater infiltrating
24 over the pipeline.

25 Where you have increased ground water circulation

1 in the shallow subsurface you also have potential for
2 increased weathering rates and in bedrock that is at time
3 extremely highly fractured that has extremely at times
4 particularly in the mountainous regions very steep, vertical
5 fractures. You are also in those areas of potentially
6 increased ground water recharge going to promote weathering
7 of the bedrock which the pipe is going to be built on. So I
8 just respectfully ask that FERC take those comments into
9 consideration too when you are you know, doing your EIS,
10 thanks.

11 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 28 Andrew Geardon followed
12 by Larry Herring, followed by Randy Whiting.

13 MR. GEARDON: My wife Marie and I purchased our
14 property in Vegas Creek 26 years ago because of the spring
15 fed pastures and the mountain area of it. We subsequently
16 put the mountain area in a conservation easement where that
17 forest has a substantial problem with Atlantic but that
18 eastern area has a great problem with Atlantic and the areas
19 as you scratch the ground of this area you get the lantis on
20 them and the feel of however it is maintained this easement
21 area is going to be replete with that and other basins and I
22 don't see anything in the Dominion's with attention to that
23 sort of detail.

24 The first Dominion route ran through our
25 easement. It doesn't anymore because the proposed route of

1 the alternative route come near our place. Every Nelson
2 County route is replete with the currently identified
3 environmental issues listed on pages 7 and 8 of the recently
4 distributed FERC publication. No route is appreciably less
5 adverse impact than another they all have different rather
6 various area impacts.

7 This town is topography, geology, its
8 agricultural tourism and recreational economy doomed to
9 great adversity, great damage if this pipeline passes
10 through this area. Other less destructive alternatives than
11 coming through this county must be found.

12 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 29 Larry Herring, followed
13 by Randy Whiting, followed by Gary Strong.

14 MR. HERRING: Good evening. My name is Larry
15 Herring I live in Nelson County in the Horizon's building
16 subdivision. It is in the pathway of the Appalachian Trail
17 south alternative pipeline route. Horizon's Village
18 includes 400 acres of protected forest and wetlands. It is
19 in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and within the
20 proclamation boundary of the George Washington National
21 Forest.

22 We have 65 acres of steep mountain common land
23 above our private lots and another 35 acres of grassy
24 meadowland along the Rock Fish River below our lots. These
25 common lands are subject to a conservation easement forever.

1 These private lots that we have are sort of sandwiched in
2 between the protected common lots. We have clear mountain
3 springs and streams that feed into the Rock Fish River and
4 also through our wetlands.

5 We are considered an eco-village because our
6 ecological covenants restrict us with certain ways that we
7 use and the way that we run the full length. The
8 restrictions are really just common sense approach to being
9 sort of sensitive to the environment that we live in. We
10 minimize the clearing of forest in the land when we build a
11 house. We do not endanger or kill wildlife in our
12 community.

13 We have unobstructed natural wildlife quarters
14 between each of our properties and this is required in our
15 covenant. We do not use herbicides, pesticides or any toxic
16 chemicals that might harm the wildlife or downstream
17 eco-systems in the Rock Fish River, the James River or the
18 Chesapeake Bay, so we are an eco-village.

19 Bears, bobcats, coyotes, fox, turkeys, hawks
20 thrive in that kind of environment, the water, the land and
21 the freedom to move around. The proposed pipeline route --
22 the alternate route, it bisects our forest and mountain
23 common land. It cuts 125 foot swath down these forested
24 mountains. Imagine a 6 lane highway, 125 feet coming across
25 the mountain coming down through the Blue Ridge.

1 It goes through 7 of our private lots across 5 of
2 our streams and through our forested wetland. This wide
3 path of destruction fragments our forest, disrupts our
4 natural waterways and our wetlands, threaten our supply of
5 the wildlife that we have worked so hard to protect. The
6 wildlife all along all this section of the Blue Ridge
7 Mountains in Nelson County already struggle for survival.

8 We bought property in Horizon's Village because
9 of this deep commitment to the protection of our land and
10 our environment. This is not negotiable. It is the whole
11 purpose and identify of our community to protect this land.

12 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Larry Herring,
13 followed by Randy Whiting followed by Gary Strong.

14 MR. WHITING: Randy Whiting. Hi my name is Randy
15 Whiting and I live in Horizon's Village over at Nelly's
16 Road. The Appalachian Trail south alternative runs through
17 65 acres of steep forested mountain ridge that sit just
18 above one of the two traveled roads that serve our
19 community.

20 The slopes there are as great as 58 degrees and
21 none less than 30 degrees. The ridge was forested and
22 undeveloped in order to stabilize it and even with that we
23 have some problems with small rockslides coming down on to
24 our roads. The construction of this pipeline would clear
25 cut 12 acres of this ridge and blast or dig through the

1 highly fractured bedrock to cover the shallow soil at the
2 top of that ridge, the resulting loss of stabilizing tree
3 routes and forest canopy would open that ridge up to
4 increased water retention and perhaps liquification due to
5 the mountain storms that we get in this area.

6 This raises the common issues for us. The first
7 is landslides we do not believe that that ridge can be
8 stabilized either during or after construction to make it so
9 it doesn't come down on top of us. The second is
10 sedimentation. The pipeline cuts across that ridge and
11 touches down the 58 degree slope right through wetlands.
12 Now we know that Dominion had to enter a consent for West
13 Virginia because it had over 16 water sedimentation
14 violations in one 8 month period.

15 So we went to their environmental engineers and
16 we asked them what are you going to do here in Virginia that
17 you didn't do in West Virginia in order to stop
18 sedimentation and their answer was we don't know. We
19 suggest that if you are a company and you are going to build
20 a pipeline through the Blue Ridge Mountains that you should
21 be able to answer that question.

22 The third and final concern that we had is water.
23 There are five drainage systems up on that ridge that
24 deliver water down into the wells, springs and streams in
25 our community. We went to their structural engineers and we

1 asked them okay if you put this pipeline in will it change
2 the way water runs in that ridge and they said yes that
3 water tends to follow the pipeline but not to worry they
4 would be risers in around the pipeline to take the water
5 away from the pipe and their pipe would be okay.

6 Now don't get me wrong I'm glad their pipe is
7 going to be okay but we want to know are we going to be
8 okay, are our wells going to be okay, are our rivers going
9 to be okay. They don't seem to care. Everything I have
10 just told you about Horizon's Village is true for Nelson
11 County as a whole.

12 It is mostly mountainous it has wetlands,
13 beautiful streams and rivers and it is all not right for
14 this pipeline and we wanted you to know that we in no way in
15 the construction of this pipeline you will have to go to
16 court and take our land to do it.

17 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Gary Strong
18 followed by Lisa Tully, followed by Carolyn Fischer.

19 MR. STRONG: Thank you for the opportunity to
20 speak here this evening. My name is Gary Strong I live in
21 Horizon's Village like the previous two speakers, and I live
22 in the pathway of the Appalachian Trail south alternative
23 pipeline route. I wanted to talk to you about that in 2009
24 the Virginia Department of Forestry conducted a wild fire
25 hazard assessment of our community and they rated it on a

1 scale between high and extreme.

2 The five significant contributors to why they
3 made this assessment at least five -- one was the topography
4 that was mentioned by a previous speaker. There are a large
5 number of pine trees as well but there are steep slopes
6 within the community and fire easily spreads up slope.
7 There is also a single road for access and egress. We are
8 also right below Wintergreen Resort. A fire in our
9 community would destroy Wintergreen Resort.

10 We have limited access to water. We do not have
11 fire hydrants near our lake and a longer response time for
12 our regional firefighters and rescue stations if there were
13 in fact. Now adding to this a highly combustible natural
14 gas pipeline through any part of our community would only
15 increase the risk of wild fire. The potential for this fire
16 would exist not only during its use but during the
17 construction.

18 Also according to the Pipeline Association for
19 Public Awareness the recommended minimum evacuation for a 42
20 inch natural gas pipeline is over 3,000 feet. Every
21 resident of Horizon's Village would have to evacuate
22 immediately on a single road. So due to this high risk for
23 wild fires the Virginia Department of Forestry assisted us
24 in becoming a national fire wise community, this is a
25 national recognition.

1 And because of that they also provide us annual
2 grants -- money for doing wild fire hazard mitigation within
3 our community. And they picked up precisely because of our
4 high risk of wild fires. Now on top of this risk, the
5 proposed pipeline would only increase that risk.

6 So in conclusion I am here to say that the
7 proposed pipeline cannot be built in such a high risk zone
8 as ours. Horizon's Village we proclaim is a classical case
9 that we are not to build a pipeline, thank you.

10 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Lisa Tully
11 followed by Caroline Fischer, followed by Edward Ely.

12 MS. TULLY: My name is Lisa Tully and I am a
13 homeowner in Horizon's Village. You have just heard my
14 neighbors telling you about our subdivision. About its
15 environmentally based covenants, its protected forest, its
16 steep ridges, its wetlands and its fire risk. I want to
17 tell you a more personal story. My daughter and son-in-law
18 also own property in Horizon's Village, William and Melissa
19 Barr would be here tonight but William is an active duty
20 soldier in the Marine Corp, he cannot leave his duty station
21 to tell you that his property will be bisected by the
22 proposed out-blocking of the proposed south route of the
23 pipeline.

24 After a 10 month deployment to Afghanistan Will
25 and Melissa sought a place to refuge from their military

1 life. They just February 2014, one year ago they spent
2 their life savings on property in a small cabin in Horizon's
3 Village. Their land is bounded by spruce trees which run
4 into the Rock Fish River their land is covered in forest,
5 wetlands and wildlife.

6 No matter where the Marine Corp sends them next
7 they know there's sanctuary is waiting for them in the Rock
8 Fish Valley. The proposed 6 lane highway clear cut swath of
9 pipeline will cut their property in half impacting these
10 units, destroying their trees, their wetlands, running
11 through their streams and greatly devaluing their land.

12 My neighbors in Horizon's will be equally and
13 vitally economically impacted by the proposed pipeline. One
14 neighbor has already lost a purchase contract because the
15 purchaser said that Horizon's would not be the same place if
16 the pipeline were built.

17 I urge you tonight to protect the pristine
18 property of a service man who risks his life to protect our
19 freedom and I urge you to reroute the pipeline away from
20 Horizon's Village, away from Nelson County, away from the
21 Blue Ridge Mountains and mostly I urge you to route the
22 pipeline along existing rights of way.

23 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Carolyn Fischer,
24 Edward Ely and Toni Ranieri.

25 MS. FISCHER: I thank you for the opportunity to

1 speak. My name is Carolyn Fischer I also live in Horizon's
2 Village an intentional community dedicated to the
3 preservation of the environment. We feel so strongly about
4 this commitment that we have set aside 100 of these very
5 expensive acres to remain undisturbed forever. This is the
6 route the Atlantic Coast Pipeline wants to condemn, cut,
7 slash and burn. This path drops down to heavily wooded
8 steep slope that levels out into an expansive wetland.

9 Here the water is clean enough to drink. This is
10 the valley where I live. Here nature thrives, cherry birch
11 bloom in the spring and flocks of migratory birds come to
12 flourish among the diverse flora and abundant food. After
13 winter the wetlands come alive with an unusual population of
14 amphibious and aquatic life that is rarely found elsewhere.

15 All of this is protected under our covenants and
16 through our lifestyle. If FERC approves the route of this
17 pipeline our environmental covenants will be eviscerated.
18 The ACP will blast down our mountain into the wetlands
19 destroying them forever. They will cross this lowland
20 forest, clear cutting 150 to 300 year old trees, dig through
21 deep virgin topsoil, blasting rock and scattering fauna as
22 they go on and through Spruce Creek and on to the next
23 private property.

24 Our community is felt to be deeply threatened by
25 eminent domain seizure. How is this in the public's best

1 interest to destroy our environment for the ACP's exclusive
2 profits of selling gas to the Carolinas and overseas. How
3 is this in the public's best interest to build an
4 unprecedented 42 inch high pressure natural gas pipeline
5 right next to our homes, with a blast radius of 1100 feet?

6 How is this in the public's best interest to
7 cheaply condemn our land and then hold us liable to pay
8 inflated insurance costs and property taxes for a public
9 utility to operate on private property? How is this in the
10 public's best interest to site 90% of this pipeline on
11 private property instead of a public right-of-way? I am
12 begging the government to do the right thing and move this
13 pipeline out of our neighborhoods into a public utility
14 right-of-way.

15 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Edward Ely,
16 followed by Toni Ranieri, followed by Barbara Strauss.

17 MR. ELY: Good evening my name is Edward Ely. I
18 live in Roseland, Nelson County. I appreciate FERC coming
19 down to see me and take our comments and interest. Last
20 year in September I made a presentation to the Nelson County
21 Board of Supervisors and the Dominion Resource people. At
22 that time I asked the question why this route.

23 I provided alternative ideas about where they
24 could run it, and how they could run it and I have not
25 received any response from Dominion since that presentation

1 so I would like to bring up at least another one option for
2 them to consider. As you have heard this path of
3 destruction that is planned for this particular pipeline is
4 like a width of a six-lane highway.

5 The thing runs about 550 miles and will destroy
6 about 10,000 acres of habitat including some of what we
7 talked about this evening. 60% of that destruction are
8 trees and most of those trees are large park woods and they
9 are part of our National Forest and also they are the last
10 remaining wild fragment of land in the United States.

11 So it's a cumulative impact to this 550 miles of
12 devastation and destruction that is going to be dramatic for
13 our environment. It is going to cause a permanent scar, an
14 environmental scar cutting through private and public lands
15 that include our national wooded treasures. This distance
16 is about the same width as the east west across the state of
17 Nebraska where I am originally from.

18 It's one thing in the Keystone Pipeline to dig a
19 trench and put a pipe in it and cover it back up and plant
20 grass on it, it still looks like the same soil that was
21 there when we started. No so in this part of the United
22 States. This pipeline has been talked about long before in
23 Nelson County.

24 The Mountain Valley Pipeline that was being
25 proposed is another 42 inch natural gas line that is being

1 presented by the UPT of Pittsburgh. That's going to run
2 from Mobily, West Virginia down to Halifax, well it's going
3 to cut another six lane highway of destruction across our
4 Commonwealth of Virginia and also it will run south of
5 Roanoke.

6 Trans-Co has recently begun their reverse flow of
7 their pipelines on the south side, they intend to put
8 another pipeline north of here. This is another 6 lane
9 highway of destruction. So we get down to the question what
10 are some of the other alternatives that we are looking at.
11 There are certainly other companies in the wings as soon as
12 the price of natural gas is stabilized they might even build
13 another pipeline.

14 How many pipelines do we need cutting across the
15 Commonwealth of Virginia? There is an option. Put two
16 pipelines in one ditch, okay, maybe three pipelines in the
17 one ditch. Cut the amount of destruction in half, cut the
18 cost in half by the way maybe then you could do it. And by
19 the way it's been done before World War II the pipeline was
20 built and it ran from Texas to the northeast part of the
21 United States and that was a joint venture.

22 Well maybe Dominion you need to think about
23 getting together a proposal that would allow two lines in
24 the one ditch.

25 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired. The next

1 speaker is Tony Ranieri.

2 MS. RANIERI: Tony Ranieri, I cede my time to
3 Connie Brennan.

4 MS. BRENNAN: My name is Connie Brennan and I am
5 here as a private citizens.

6 MR. BOWMAN: Spell that please.

7 MS. BRENNAN: I'm sorry.

8 MR. BOWMAN: Can you spell your name.

9 MS. BRENNAN: B-r-e-n-n-a-n. I am also a member
10 of the Nelson County Board of Supervisors. I just want to
11 remind you FERC that the Board of Supervisors has passed two
12 resolutions opposing the construction and operation of the
13 Atlantic Coast Pipeline in Nelson County. Now I have heard
14 so much misinformation from the pro-pipeline people that I
15 just don't even know where to start, but I am going to paint
16 with a broad brush today.

17 I have a question for you to consider and to
18 consider how you will explain the answer to your children
19 and grandchildren. Are you seriously considering granting a
20 permit at some point to a private for profit corporation to
21 transect our precious and beautiful county with a 42 inch
22 high pressure, unnecessary pipeline full of liquid natural
23 gas and God knows what else now or in the future that will
24 have tremendous long-lasting negative impacts and provides
25 absolutely nothing positive to our homeland here one of the

1 most beautiful place in Virginia if not in the country.

2 One that will mark forever two mountain ranges,
3 one of them the national treasured Blue Ridge Mountains, the
4 second oldest may I repeat the second oldest mountain range
5 on earth, the single ring, cross bound and the Appalachian
6 Trail, destinations for millions of people who come here to
7 enjoy their beauty and recreational offerings then trashing
8 through the Rock Fish Valley known far and wide as the NAPA
9 Valley of the east coast with its many vineyards, orchards,
10 wineries, breweries, cidering distilleries that underlie our
11 active tourism based economy here in Nelson County.

12 Not even to mention passing through our proposed
13 historic district, then bulldozing through some of the east
14 coast largest non-fragmented forest lands and criss-crossing
15 the Rock Fish River, continuing to debase the culturally and
16 historically important land owned by descendants of free
17 slaves with graveyards and cemeteries everywhere and
18 continuing down and devastating national and treasured areas
19 along the James River, including a well-known native
20 American.

21 Disturbing the archeological sites that date back
22 to the beginning of our country and to top it off crossing
23 the James River next to a seismic fault, seriously?
24 Dominion has selected the absolute worst possible site for
25 this pipeline regardless of which route they propose. A

1 responsible route using the existing rights-of-ways,
2 easements, utility corridors and/or co-locating with other
3 pipeline or infrastructure is the only imaginable ethical
4 answer.

5 I have not even mentioned that you consider how
6 you and your family could imagine living next to an \$1,100
7 blast zone. Ours is mandated by the Virginia Code to
8 protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents, we
9 will fight to do this for our children, grandchildren, just
10 as you would for yours.

11 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Barbara Strauss
12 followed by Marilyn Schinifflett followed by Jay and Susan
13 Rerick.

14 MS. STRAUSS: I'm ceding my time to Richard
15 Averitt.

16 MR. AVERITT: Hello my name is Richard Averitt.

17 MR. BOWMAN: Spell the last name.

18 MR. AVERITT: Sure, A-v-e-r-i-t-t. I first
19 bought land in Nelson County in 2003 and I am here to
20 advocate for a responsible route that considers the sanctity
21 of private property rights and true economic impact. So the
22 economics first, in the fall of 2013 my father and I
23 purchased two parcels of land across from Bold Rock Cidery.
24 We bought the land with the idea of developing a stunning
25 eco-friendly resort freely focused on the natural beauty of

1 the Rock Fish Valley and the delightful Virginia made craft
2 beers, ciders, wines, foods and retail goods.

3 The project is pure celebration of Virginia and
4 it is designed to be a top destination on the whole east
5 coast. We began developing the plan in April of last year,
6 we hired a world class landscape architecture firm. And the
7 preliminary site plan and estimates suggests that this
8 project will cost approximately 35 million dollars and then
9 when finished will provide more than 50 full-time jobs and
10 another 50 to 100 part-time jobs in Nelson County.

11 And once finished the project would generate
12 between 15 and 30 million dollars in annual taxable revenue
13 for Nelson County. The alternative route comes directly
14 through the heart of this project and destroys any
15 opportunity to develop that land in a meaningful way and the
16 1.5 million dollars or so in taxes that the ACP expects to
17 deliver to Nelson County pales in comparison to even a
18 modest version of that project and I'm just one entrepreneur
19 in this county, there are dozens of other small businesses
20 and entrepreneurs building all kinds of fabulous things to
21 capture the imagination of our exploding tourist market and
22 our local economy.

23 Now on the property rights, just across 151 my
24 extended family and I all built our homes. My sister Dawn,
25 who many of you know is a global leader in the fight against

1 HIV and AIDS an she also has AIDS.

2 When she had the first of two daughters she knew
3 she would never get life insurance and she would not likely
4 make it 40 years to continue to a 401K so we bought land
5 here together to do two things. To spend time together
6 while we can and to make it possible for her to invest in a
7 desirable piece of land that she could leave to her
8 daughters.

9 The new alternative route also goes right through
10 that piece of property and would take away that opportunity
11 and render it valueless. And for what? I mean everything
12 that Dominion claims the pipeline accomplishes the energy
13 independence, the job creation all of it can be accomplished
14 by running this pipeline in existing rights-of-way.

15 The only reason not to do that is because getting
16 new rights-of-way is actually a big part of the goals for
17 Dominion. These land routes are a way to increase
18 Dominion's value so masquerading as a public service project
19 Dominion is increasing its value by taking that very same
20 route through the citizens.

21 So I ask you one thing? Who should have rights
22 to my sister's property, Dominion or her daughters?

23 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 37 is Marilyn
24 Schinifflett followed by Jay and Susan Rarick, followed by
25 John Ed Purvis.

1 MS. SCHINIFFLETT: I'm ceding my time to Heidi
2 Cochran.

3 MS. COCHRAN: I'm an electrician by trade.

4 MR. BOWMAN: Spell the last name?

5 MS. COCHRAN: C-o-c-h-r-a-n and you already began
6 the time. I am an electrician by trade. I am aware of
7 energy needs natural gas is not our only option. Renewable
8 energies are available. Nelson County will have a
9 significant loss of property tax revenue because of reduced
10 value of impacted land and adjoining lands to the properties
11 that are impacted by the pipeline.

12 I am extremely concerned about the destruction of
13 private property and the public lands in the construction of
14 the ACP. My property is located on a dead-end road in the
15 path of the ACP. If this pipeline were to explode it would
16 eliminate the only evacuation route for approximately 50
17 people in my collar. You have to subtract the ones that did
18 not survive the blast.

19 Dominion representatives have told me that the
20 pipeline would be safe. The odds they say would be small
21 for any explosion, I am not a gambling person but I believe
22 the odds are better of no explosions for the pipeline if one
23 did not exist.

24 In our county a survey was done concerning the
25 pipeline impact on escape routes. 76% of responding

1 landowners would have no escape route available if an
2 explosion occurred. The increased possibility of mudslides
3 would be our mountainous terrains if this devastating
4 construction would take place.

5 The construction sites would be 500 foot long and
6 125 feet wide and would certainly compromise the ability of
7 the earth and the safety of our water. My property has
8 prime building sites which will no longer exist due to the
9 location of the pipeline. My children would no longer have
10 the choice to build on their home place. This would
11 tremendously devalue my property. The limited use of my
12 property, no trees above the pipeline, no parallel fencing
13 in the equipment crossing restriction would also decrease my
14 property value.

15 Don't forget the dangers of a 42 inch pipeline on
16 it. I have also found numerous Indian artifacts on my
17 property as have all my neighbors. This pipe is proposed to
18 pass 100 feet from my home my well would be 75 feet from the
19 ACP. I have two children that still live at home I bought
20 my home 37 years ago. I stood on my front porch and looked
21 at the beautiful mountains, I was home.

22 I did not need to go into the house I knew the
23 land around me was my home. To see my land around me
24 destroyed, to be told it will look like a golf course is
25 completely insulting. I do not want a golf course I have my

1 home for my family, to put my family at risk is beyond
2 comprehension. There is no price for my family's safety or
3 for their home, it is their right.

4 I did not buy my property for Dominion I brought
5 my property for my children. This land and our families are
6 priceless.

7 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Jay and Susan
8 Rarick John Ed Purvis, and Digna Gant.

9 MR. COUGHLIN: Good evening my name is Michael
10 Coughlin. I am a property right's attorney and I'm speaking
11 on behalf of several clients, the first being Jay and Susan
12 Rarick who are here this evening. They own a property with
13 an address of Eagle Mountain Drive its tax map parcel number
14 69A 106E. It is a five acre parcel that they purchased in
15 2001 so they could build their retirement home on the
16 property.

17 The original Nelson County route goes through the
18 only building side and the only drain field site and it
19 would leave them with a worthless piece of property. The
20 property would be effectively taken off the county's tax
21 rolls. The Rarick's request that FERC make a finding of an
22 adverse impact incapable of mitigation.

23 Next I'm speak on behalf of Gerald Dowell. He
24 also lives -- he lives in Nelson County, his address is
25 11671 Thomas Nelson Highway in Lovington, Virginia. The

1 proposed route crosses mountainous forest land, two streams,
2 Muddy Creek and farmland. The affected area of Muddy Creek
3 is home to beavers, herons and raccoons.

4 This habitat will be destroyed. Farmland where
5 hay and grains are grown will be destroyed. The water line
6 for the well will be crossed by the pipeline and possibly
7 the well itself. Access to future building sites will be
8 cut off. Mr. Dowell is a retired United States Coastal
9 Service rural letter carrier who has lived on the property
10 since 1986 and his home will be ruined.

11 Next I represent Stuart Wilson and his wife
12 Virginia Wilson. They own property next to each other, it
13 is entirely forested. The route will destroy a portion of
14 the forested property. The property that Mrs. Wilson owns
15 has a vacation rental on it. People rent that property so
16 they can look at forested land, not so they can look at
17 cleared land. They oppose this project.

18 I also represent Leon Johnson who owns property
19 in Cumberland County, tax map parcel number 98-A-62D the
20 property is technically the name of his father, Joseph
21 Johnson. His family has owned the property since the
22 1800's. There are spruce pines on the property they would
23 plan on timbering it, that will no longer be possible
24 because the route will go right through the middle of the
25 property leaving it with no value. They appropriate the

1 pipeline as well. Thank you.

2 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is John Ed Purvis,
3 Digna Gant, Andrew Gant.

4 MR. PURVIS: Hello I'm John Purvis. I am going
5 to talk a little bit I was born and raised in Nelson County.
6 I have lived in the same house that I lived at that my
7 grandfather built in 1904. I have lived and farmed on the
8 land now that has been in my generation for 70 years. I am
9 the 7th generation to work and farm that land.

10 I am opposed to the proposition that Dominion has
11 made to us and
12 Nelson County. Thank you.

13 MR. BOWMAN: Digna Gant, Andrew Gant, Michele
14 Mattioli.

15 MS. GANT: Good evening my name is Digna Gant, my
16 husband Andrew and I live in Wigina, Virginia on the James
17 River. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak.
18 First of all I respectfully request that you extend the
19 scoping period for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline to at least
20 90 days. I believe this is the minimum amount required to
21 study the negative impact that this pipeline will have on
22 Nelson County.

23 In general as others have pointed out and I also
24 wish to emphasis the topography on the direct path of the
25 proposed pipeline route is unstable. You only need to talk

1 to those people who lived through Hurricane Camile to find
2 out how the disturbed earth led to mudslides and flooding.

3 In particular the area where we live on the James
4 River is unsuitable for many reasons. The pipeline would go
5 directly across a historic district and cross the James in a
6 location where many Monican Indian artifacts and remnants of
7 an Indian village have been discovered.

8 It would traverse the land of the home dating
9 back to 1784 and another ours, from 1840. I am sure that
10 everyone who speaks this evening could point to good reasons
11 why the proposed route is unsuitable, therefore I suggest
12 that Dominion be asked to design a route which uses land
13 that has already been destroyed.

14 And more issues such as conservation, easements
15 and historic designations do not play a fact. This request
16 is also made by our Board of Supervisors. I wish to date
17 the remainder of my time to my husband Andrew before he
18 starts his own three minutes, thank you.

19 MR. GANT: First I want to welcome FERC to our
20 beautiful county. I am sure you have seen some of it coming
21 down here if you are not willing to go back and spend the
22 night in a less desirable place we would be glad to have you
23 at our house. We are not a bed and breakfast but we have
24 beds and we will give you breakfast.

25 My name is Andrew Gant. I own some 800 acres of

1 land near -- in the southern part of Nelson County. I have
2 a PhD in economics from Harvard University and spent my
3 professional career as an international economist working
4 with international monetary funds. I have visited 77
5 countries, 77 countries in Europe, the former Soviet Union,
6 Asia, Latin America during my lifetime giving advice on the
7 policy to grant two-thirds -- these countries include
8 dictatorships, economists and socialist countries are very
9 few true democracies.

10 Many of these countries have encountered
11 situations where some combination of government and
12 non-government interest exfoliate land from under the legs
13 of citizens. The reasons proposed those in power simply
14 want money for profits they derive from stealing money.

15 Unfortunately that is the present case in Nelson
16 County, Dominion wants our land whether we wish to part with
17 it or not. They have means to accomplish this by paying off
18 politicians. Our present government has received at least
19 \$150,000 from Dominion, other politicians lesser amounts.
20 This is not how it should be given. Dominion expects this
21 gift. In this instance it's supply. In return Dominion has
22 been granted the opportunity to write laws that are to
23 benefit it in the energy area.

24 These laws are rubber stamped by the Virginia
25 legislature and passed on to our happy Governor for his

1 signature. Armed with these law mandates, Dominion comes to
2 me and say in essence we are coming for your land, they
3 telling it a sensitive place -- Virginia's government and
4 Dominion don't seem to understand this is my land. My
5 family has owned this land continuously since 1738, that's
6 two generations before the establishment of the United
7 States.

8 We have cared for the de factor conservation
9 easement we have managed to hold on to it through family
10 wealth and poverty. The farm, trees produce oxygen enough
11 for 6,400 people. Given the alternative between gas and
12 oxygen which would you choose?

13 In light of the danger concern our citings
14 include even a cooler. I have boxes of Indian artifacts
15 found on the place from this village that my wife was in and
16 it includes a slave radio. In addition there is little or
17 no national justification for Dominion's planned
18 expropriation. We are washed in a sea of energy, the
19 pipeline is not necessary. If you haven't noticed prices of
20 gasoline have gone down by half in the last six months. I
21 own stock in a company called EOG which has cuts it drilling
22 by exactly 50% in the last 9 months.

23 And perhaps more importantly there are many
24 alternative routes which do not destroy the land. One such
25 is the old canal plan, originally called the James River low

1 canal which follows the route Dominion is contemplating from
2 Covington to Richmond. This canal was built by my ancestor,
3 Joseph Carrington Gant.

4 There are power lines, there are median strips on
5 interstates, there are many alternatives to the destruction
6 of private ground property or perhaps 4,000 households in
7 Dominion's proposed routes are extrapolated from the ones
8 that it hopes to get that route.

9 I do not want Dominion on my place. I should be
10 allowed to say no. So far I have spent some \$20,000 in such
11 efforts. I have sued to prevent -- created a large
12 conservation easement and so forth. As Churchill famously
13 said --

14 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired. The next
15 speaker is Michele Mattrioli, Sharon Ponton and Sarah Rae.

16 MS. MATTRIOLI: Hello my name is Michele
17 Mattrioli. Given ---given that FERC is interested in public
18 input then every speaker that signed on tonight would be
19 heard. The first 18 speakers were all from the ACP.
20 Yesterday I spoke to a representative and she told me that
21 many people after 7 would still be allowed to speak I asked
22 her how early sign-ins start and she said shortly before 7.
23 Obviously certain people got a different message.

24 FERC Order 61128 says projects are approved the
25 benefits outweigh adverse impacts. Therefore the EIS

1 scoping order must include an thorough enumeration and
2 valuation reporting of the benefits justified from the data.
3 FERC staff takes shortcuts to find benefit as need and need
4 as whole selling gas, this is a valid justified drug
5 dealing.

6 FERC does not believe that in the EIS must be proved for the
7 potential and removals and the recent efficiency to meet the
8 performing needs and goals of the public, logically then
9 will the need and benefits must be made clear otherwise
10 there will not be a valid assessment of alternatives cannot
11 be determined rather than provided in the evidence or not,
12 assessing negatives versus harm requires a minimum real
13 estate, electricity demand and cost projections that
14 consumers using their local increased efficiency versus the
15 needs and demands.

16 FERC will provide a biased.
17 She stated her belief in natural gas as the only logical way
18 to the economic rules, just -- the well modeled contrast
19 said in the Washington Post that Virginian's utility bills
20 will go up if the state chooses not to cut pollution with
21 renewable energy and energy efficiency is made through the
22 course of it.

23 MR. BOWMAN: The next speakers are Sharon Ponton,
24 Sarah Rea, Joyce Burton.

25 MR. PONTON: Good evening my name is Sharon

1 Ponton. We have been told how to run the safest way is to
2 transport natural gas and I ask safe for who? The current
3 proposed and alternative routes come within 330 feet of 30%
4 of the homes and businesses of those who responded to a
5 survey being conducted in Nelson County of Nelson
6 landowners. A total of 57% of respondents live within the
7 blast zone of 1,100 feet.

8 Another 19% live within 1,320 feet of the
9 pipeline path, 75% of the respondents said they and their
10 neighbors would have no evacuation route should the pipeline
11 explode in their area of the county. There are very many
12 dead end roads and roads that are accessed for communities
13 that there are no other access route to to go out and this
14 problem of crossing those roads and should there be a blast
15 then people are trapped.

16 When the U.S. goes to war a calculation outlined
17 an acceptable level of death and injuries determined and I
18 wonder if FERC or Dominion has calculated a similar
19 statistic for the proposed ACP of lives lost, how many
20 people maimed by pipeline explosions is acceptable to you.

21 FERC as a government entity should protect the
22 health, the safety and the welfare of the citizens of this
23 country instead of advocating for new infrastructure for
24 dirty fossil fuels. People want us to accept the mitigation
25 to offset the effects of the proposed ACP on our water

1 quality, on our air quality and to our environment. They
2 want to mitigate the destruction of hundreds of acres of
3 forest land and wetlands.

4 And I ask you to explain now how you mitigate the
5 death, the maiming caused when a 42 inch underground bomb
6 running through miles and miles of this community explodes.
7 In January of 2015 there were five pipeline explosions in
8 the United States, they really do happen and I know some of
9 you here don't think they do but they do.

10 How are we supposed to trust Dominion, a company
11 who today was fined 365 thousand dollars for 27 violations
12 that went unreported in their report and in addition to the
13 West Virginia issues that we talked about earlier, Dominion
14 can't give an easy instruct, they are the same -- that are
15 incorrect. They have sued 14 people in error, they send out
16 letters to landowners with incorrect dates for survey.

17 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired. The next
18 speakers will be Sarah Rea, Joyce Burton, Susan Wiedman.

19 MS. REA: My name is Sarah Rea, I live in Nelson
20 County. The first thing I would want to do is for all of us
21 to express gratitude by our forefathers and mothers who gave
22 their hearts and souls to create and preserve the foundation
23 of a treasure we know as Nelson County today.

24 As I understand it FERC members your job is to
25 approve pipelines rather than to independently evaluated and

1 find a route that does not rape the land. Do you condone
2 rape? Would you come to the aid of someone threatened with
3 rape? Contemplate your answers well.

4 The FERC definition of the known rape at
5 dictionary.com is an act of plunder, violent seizure or
6 abuse and violation. The example of usage that is given is
7 the rape of the countryside. The threat of the rape of the
8 countryside in Nelson County is really large and you have
9 the power to thwart that threat.

10 Construction of a 42 inch gas pipeline, the first
11 thing in our county bring in ensuing destruction and
12 deteriorating into perpetuity while providing no benefits is
13 a threat of rape. Rape of our land, rape of our mountains,
14 rape without cause, rape of our pristine vistas, rape of our
15 rivers and water corridors, rape of our cultural and
16 historical trade, rape of our farm and fauna, rape of our
17 livelihood, rape of our communities.

18 If you condone rape then do what you were called
19 in to do. If you would come to the aid of victims
20 threatened with rape tap into your wisdom, take your power
21 and prevent the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's rape of Nelson
22 County.

23 MR. BOWMAN: The next speakers are Joyce Burton,
24 Sussan Wiedman and Ernie Reed.

25 MS. BURTON: These comments are made on behalf of

1 all 90 residents of a parcel that is the site of the
2 intentional community called Shannon Farm Community, home to
3 64 adults and 26 children. At over 40 years old we are one
4 of the older intentional communities in the United States.
5 We naturally share most of the same concerns that have been
6 and will be raised tonight by our neighbors.

7 So these remarks focus on the serious negative
8 impacts of the posed pipeline on features that make our
9 parcel unique and we will be submitting more extensive
10 written comments in the coming weeks. Shannon Farm
11 Community is an important pioneering experiment in ways to
12 live more safely using a fraction of the resources typically
13 consumed in the U.S.

14 Our by-laws state that we firmly promise
15 "ecologically sound stewardship of all of our assets
16 including land, dwellings and infrastructure reflecting our
17 respect for the plants and animals with whom we share the
18 land." In keeping with this purpose our homes are arranged
19 in clusters to concentrate impacts and leave most of the
20 land undeveloped.

21 Solar arrays for some of our houses and our
22 community center offset our use of conventional energy
23 sources. The one hot swath of pipeline proposed for Shannon
24 Farm would tear up sensitive wetlands and plow through the
25 planet's beech forests in our designated wilderness area and

1 would destruct our organic environments for some members
2 including seniors on reduced income for a sizable portion of
3 their food.

4 It will destroy these coral land based artworks
5 that are protected by federal copyright. The pipeline
6 threatens our economic viability as well. Our ability to be
7 paid intra property taxes and infrastructure expenses
8 depends on our ability to attract new generations. Young
9 people seeking an eco-friendly lifestyle would be deterred
10 from joining the community where a fracked gas pipeline cuts
11 an ugly scar and those safety hazards.

12 We have heard that FERC does not concern itself
13 with what is dismissively termed landowners producing
14 crowded attachment to their land. But this is at the very
15 heart of our concerns, we are part of the back to the land
16 movement in the '70's and we did buy this land in order to
17 live a food growing, reduced fossil fuel lifestyle and yes
18 we do love the trees and streams, and coyotes. This
19 proposed taking of private shareholder gain tramples on our
20 property rights and disturbs our quiet enjoyment of our
21 land. There is no monetary compensation that can make whole
22 our loss. Therefore we would not negotiate a settlement
23 with Dominion.

24 The only way that this precious land could be
25 ripped from our 90 pairs of hands is through the corrosive

1 force of an eminent domain take.

2 MR. BOWMAN: The next speakers will be Susan
3 Wiedman, Ernie Reed and Eleanor Amidon.

4 MS. WIEDMAN: I purchased my land 15 years ago to
5 create my dream of having a sanctuary for wildlife and
6 trees. In other words to give the land back to the natural
7 world, something few people do. To that end I gave a deed a
8 gift of easement to the Virginia Outdoors Foundation to help
9 provide additional protection to the land -- and now a
10 section of my property taken from me against my will for the
11 Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

12 As an agency of the Commonwealth of
13 Virginia the Virginia Outdoors Foundation that holds piece
14 nets for the purpose of preserving the natural scenery
15 historical open space lands display. In my particular
16 easement it says that we will benefit the public by
17 protecting the critical slopes and forest land in the
18 watershed of the Rock Fish River which is about of a mile
19 away.

20 And one of my borders exactly where the east of
21 one of the grounds being considered runs along the road
22 trace of the old tower to build turnpike dating about to the
23 mid 1800's. The 2002 comprehensive plan of Nelson County
24 states that they recognize that the natural environment is
25 an important asset of our quality of life and efforts should

1 be made to support and enhance that environment which
2 includes one limited development on critical slopes in order
3 to maintain balance between slope, soils, geology,
4 vegetation and two, recognizing the importance of ground
5 water and surface water to account for supporting guidelines
6 for the protection of these resources. A large number of
7 people in Nelson County don't want the pipeline please don't
8 take our private property or national forest land.

9 Use the existing corridors only and please don't
10 force me to put a pipeline under my land.

11 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker number 47 Ernie Reed
12 followed by Eleanor Amidon followed by Mr. Chulsom.

13 MR. REED: I'm representing Develop Virginia and
14 friends of Nelson Commons in the south. It's telling me
15 again through the last statements made that the purpose of
16 the meeting was the Atlantic Coast Pipeline relative to the
17 environmental impact statement.

18 On the contrary it is FERC's responsibility to
19 assess the domestic need for this project and base that
20 assessment on solely whether there was someone willing to
21 buy the fracked gas that flows through it but instead the
22 ultimate destination for this gas will be and to what degree
23 the applicants will profit.

24 The fact that this pipeline will provide storage
25 and gain for natural gas exports profiting as businesses and

1 speculators does not make them in the public interest. In
2 the words of Chairman of the floor we ask the situation that
3 any project that seems to maximize the use of eminent domain
4 across Virginia and taking away property and reduced
5 property values by the property's right to privacy to the
6 highest level of the property owners cannot be held to be in
7 the public benefit.

8 The Atlantic Coast Pipeline has failed to
9 consider the amount that would minimize what each of them
10 donates and massive lines of use of existing agents and
11 corridors to renounce the situation. While Virginia has
12 petitioned for a re-hearing on its approval of the permit to
13 construct, along the Maryland coast, the evidence for that
14 project did not assess the cumulative environmental impacts
15 that the increased capacity of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline
16 supply would have on that project for increased extractions
17 in the construction including the final effects and a
18 releasing a large amount of carbon from the ground into the
19 atmosphere.

20 FERC failed to hold them accountable to respond
21 to this in a timely manner and yet construction ultimately
22 continues. We see FERC in this instance as complicit
23 because of its interest in Dominion negligent in assessing
24 if these actions are in the public interest we have a
25 situation here.

1 In Virginia the George Washington National Forest
2 has approved an allocation for a permanent survey across the
3 pipeline preferred route, despite its statement in the
4 application that there is an alternative to consider, and
5 with no consideration for alternatives are required.
6 Without surveying for these alternative routes, the public
7 is denied information to assess the impacts of the proposal
8 if this is project is the single, or of the self-made
9 violation we have a situation here.

10 FERC should extend the scoping period for many
11 property owners to be informed that their property is
12 considered for this pipeline, these property owners are
13 deprived of due process and FERC is complicit the pipeline
14 should be denied because it did not allow sufficient time
15 for the people to speak, we have a situation here.

16 It's important that FERC not continue to be part
17 of the problem. FERC is supposed to complete an
18 environmental analysis, the documents, the lifestyles, and
19 the distraction from combustion, the cumulative effects of
20 pipelines that ACP will interact with souring export and
21 throughout the pipeline and FERC is displacing the natural
22 resources of every inch of land that the project will run
23 across.

24 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker will be Eleanor
25 Amidon, followed by W. Mitchelson, followed by Elaine

1 Woodson.

2 MS. AMIDON: My name is Eleanor Amidon. I live
3 in Afton, Nelson County. I am particularly concerned about
4 the long term impacts on both the water flow and supply. I
5 have a well attached to the groundwater. All of my
6 neighbors have either wells or springs. There is no
7 municipal water or sewer where I live.

8 I have enjoyed fresh clean water since I moved
9 here. In the construction of the proposed pipeline require
10 blasting through rock as well as land the unforeseen seismic
11 reactions could lock, reduce or change the water in the
12 ground and the well.

13 This has been known to happen in a lot of ways on the blast
14 site. If the water from my well would be negatively
15 impacted I would have no recourse for mitigation from the
16 Department for reimbursement for damages.

17 Although my home is not in the incineration zone
18 of the proposed route should there be an explosion during
19 operation it is in the thermal impact zone and that is close
20 enough to being very concerned about my house and my well.
21 If the proposed pipeline is built there will be an ever
22 present danger of leakage which will spill noxious
23 substances into the air, the forest and will leak into the
24 ground water.

25 Due to the track records of inspections and

1 monitoring of existing pipelines, I have no confidence in
2 Dominion's oversight or management of the proposed project.
3 The proposed pipeline will be an accident waiting to happen.

4 MR. BOWMAN: Wischer Mitchelson, followed by
5 Elaine Woodson, followed by Janet Wellman. Mr. or Miss
6 Mitchelson? Okay, number 50 Elaine Woodson?

7 MS. WOODSON: Hello I'm Elaine Woodson from
8 Shipman, Virginia. I have lived here in Nelson County all
9 of my life and I love Nelson County, I love the people of
10 Nelson County. I am very disappointed that some of my
11 family members of Nelson County who have been deceived by
12 the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. I do not understand why you
13 should support the pipeline with the dangers it involves
14 versus the life of possibly one of our children or your
15 grandchildren or your neighbor's children.

16 How could you possibly support something that is
17 dangerous and it is just unbelievable to me that Dominion
18 and that Atlantic Coast want to put a pipeline through our
19 beautiful country and just take our land so we will just go
20 back to my limits here because I'm getting really upset with
21 that.

22 Let's see here, I'm standing strong against the
23 pipeline that will not benefit our country, only the greedy
24 Atlantic Coast Pipeline. They propose to ruin our beautiful
25 land and endanger our children, lower or land values and

1 limit our farmland. They have told me on multiple occasions
2 that Dominion representatives absolutely said you should not
3 build a glorified island for the properties in Nelson County
4 are small lots.

5 My son own 100 acres where he has three small
6 children. If he decides he wants to build on part of his
7 property on the land and they don't know where they want to
8 build, the can't drive bulldozers over that pipeline, they
9 can't put a fence over that pipeline, they can't do much of
10 anything over that pipeline and you know where it is now but
11 his kids are 7, 3 and less than a year old so he doesn't
12 know where he wants to build right now.

13 Of course they won't reinforce the pipeline if
14 you can't tell them where it is to be reinforced. So if
15 they put the pipeline through his land is ruined. That's
16 just wrong. Even the highway purchases your property if
17 they have to come through. This is not for public benefit
18 here in Nelson County it is for greed, we are not
19 benefiting. This promise of jobs is false, we are not going
20 to have the jobs here in Nelson County and Dominion is going
21 to bring in their own people, people have been fooled, they
22 do not understand if it lowers the cost of gasoline and
23 propane a little bit it is not worth the risk of our lives,
24 one of our children or fellow assemblyman's here in the
25 county. It's just not worth it.

1 You cannot put a price on our lives you cannot
2 put a price on our beautiful land. Let's see -- I had been
3 told before in the first meeting that --

4 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired. Speaker 51
5 is Janet Wellman, followed by Kathleen King, followed by
6 Vickie Wheaton.

7 MS. WELLMAN: Hi I'm Janet Wellman I live in
8 Woods Knoll and I have been very frustrated by Dominion
9 given such path and unstudied answers to address extremely
10 serious and legitimate concerns raised by citizens.
11 Concerns such as the ones you have been hearing about here
12 about landslides, especially heavy rains that Nelson County
13 gets because of our geography, erosion, sediment and our
14 creeks and rivers, disturbance we get degradation of wells
15 and springs and seeing that you say nothing about possible
16 explosions.

17 At a previous meeting one of our county
18 supervisors asked Dominion if they had any plans for the
19 pipeline when it is no longer needed or safe and the answer
20 is pipelines last a long time. There are pipelines that are
21 100 years old. And one of our neighbors when we were asked
22 about concerns for had hers and we are one of those very
23 typical places with one way in and out and there are 25
24 houses in there and 39 lots I think.

25 And the pipeline proposal crosses our private

1 road twice so there we are and what she said is one of my
2 concerns is the inability to be evacuated if the pipeline
3 explodes. I told this to one of the Dominion reps and he
4 told me it wouldn't explode and when I questioned him
5 further I was told it was because the pipeline will be new.

6 First of all if there was an explosion in West
7 Virginia in a four year old pipeline not very long ago and
8 secondly does that mean that I don't have to worry until the
9 pipeline is 20 years old, 30 years old?

10 I remember the 100 year old pipeline. Another
11 example of Dominion's say whatever it takes attitude has to
12 do with pipelines in steep terrain. An argument against
13 using existing rights of way is the steepness yet a
14 representative in another context said pipelines can be
15 built almost anywhere in any terrain.

16 In the January 9th presentation to FERC by
17 Friends of Nelson, a wonderful document full of amazing
18 information they -- there is good information they are
19 questioning whether a pipeline is necessary at all. And it
20 is not just dependent it has very, very solid information in
21 here. There is also excellent information about using the
22 existing rights of way as an alternative and suggestions as
23 to how that would work.

24 What I see here is greed of a company wanting
25 permission from a federal commission to build a questionably

1 needed pipeline through land not suitable for it while
2 refusing to seriously study impacts and to seriously
3 consider alternative routes. If Dominion doesn't address
4 these concerns and questions in an unbiased and thorough way
5 how can FERC --

6 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired.

7 MS. WELLMAN: Okay their application.

8 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 53 is Kathleen King followed
9 by Vickie Wheaton followed by Charlotte Rea.

10 MS. MATTIOLI: I'm Michele Mattioli I switched
11 with Joanne Seletis. I live in Charlottesville and my stake
12 in preventing these pipelines from being built in Virginia
13 is the same as yours. We cannot keep allowing wide swaths
14 of environmental destruction without peril because we need
15 clean water and clean air and agricultural land and rich
16 traverse eco-systems in order to live, that's just a basic
17 truth of it.

18 And secondly the National Environmental Policy
19 Act has as you know environmental impact statement rating
20 system criteria and under this criteria the rating for these
21 pipelines would fall under environmental objections meaning
22 the review has identified significant environmental impacts
23 that should be avoided in order to adequately protect the
24 environment and two of these criteria would be violated and
25 one is that there is the potential for significant

1 environmental degradation and it could be corrected by other
2 feasible alternatives.

3 And our utility companies in Virginia have done a
4 poor job of creating sustainable and healthy energy through
5 renewables and also importantly through conservation so
6 these feasible alternatives have not been explored as
7 required by NEPA. And the second criteria says that this is
8 a problem where proceeding with the proposed action will set
9 a precedent for future actions that collectively could
10 result in significant environmental impacts.

11 We all know that climate change is real and that
12 we cannot keep using fossil fuels and so anything to do with
13 extracting and transporting natural gas is not tenable and
14 these are the criteria that NEPA uses and that you will be
15 required to use when you develop the environmental impact
16 statement. I urge you to not permit the building of any of
17 these pipelines, thank you.

18 MR. BOWMAN: Kathleen King, Vickie Wheaton,
19 Charlotte Rea.

20 MS. KING: Thank you I'm Kathleen King and I'm a
21 resident of Nelson County living in Pine River and I do a
22 great deal of riding along the area of where the pipeline is
23 proposed to go alternative route will go.

24 That area is a wetland and the driving of any
25 sort of heavy equipment for a necessary 42 inch pipeline to

1 put in is going to compact that soil and totally, totally
2 destroyed it. That's a sin as well as being wrong. This
3 area is something that will actually be impacted by the
4 range of tribulations. The Corp of Engineers should be ask
5 to again analyze that area and another fact that hasn't been
6 mentioned other than completely is one of the considerations
7 that you need to take into your analysis is the credibility
8 of who is presenting what we have to carry in September.

9 Representatives of FERC were here they got tooled
10 around by Dominion showing off these areas and I asked one
11 of them did he know what those scars were on the north side,
12 we didn't yet -- I said that's what's left after this huge
13 bits of vegetation, it was very precarious.

14 They want the pipeline in areas that have been
15 totally, totally virtually completely destroyed and it's
16 damaged land, the people who have come here tonight come
17 here and they are angry because they feel they are being
18 sold out and just to understand it by the federal
19 government, the very counsel that FERC will actually do
20 something other than rubber stamp this taking of their land
21 and substituting money, money does not compensate anybody
22 for what is going to be lost and they still, still say that
23 it will do it.

24 Another thing we need to consider is this project
25 does not exist in one time it will go on and on and on and

1 what will it cost for them to inspect, maintain and cover
2 our land. Those are the factors NEPA will consider probably
3 not FERC always sells out.

4 MR. BOWMAN: The next speakers are Vickie
5 Wheaton, Charlotte Rea and Jarin Delaurier 54.

6 MS. WHEATON: Good evening my name is Vicki
7 Wheaton, I have been a resident of Nelson County for 27
8 years and a nurse for 37. I request that an independent
9 entity be commissioned to review, draw conclusions and make
10 recommendations regarding the history of FERC's
11 environmental impact statements that consistently mitigate
12 and or trump sound environmental laws, property and civil
13 liberty rights, health and safety concerns just to name a
14 few.

15 Dominion already purchasing 500 million dollars
16 of pipe for the proposed ACP shows just how confident they
17 are that there is nothing standing in their way. This would
18 be like me going out and buying the materials to build a
19 house before I had the land or permits. The results of this
20 cart blanch approval process has had devastating
21 consequences to individuals, local communities and beyond.

22 One just has to google pipelines, fracking,
23 compressor stations, gas storage facilities and you will see
24 amazing returns of lawsuits for negligence and/or safety
25 violations, explosions, leaks, death, negative health

1 impacts, soil water, air contamination, basically a
2 precedence of affirming that circumventing laws and FERC's
3 environmental impact statement process in order to prove gas
4 infrastructure needs to stop.

5 A system of transparency, accountability and
6 liability needs to be established in favor of the American
7 public. How is it that private gas companies have gotten
8 laws past that let them hide the chemicals used in the
9 fracking process, keep stakeholders from knowing who the
10 other stakeholders are in pipeline proposals, are denied
11 access to contracts, to support the need to build those
12 proposed pipelines, have laws that allow them to survey
13 without landowner's permission and not being required to put
14 their claim that the proposed ACP and the extensions and/or
15 shippers are not going to be exported into a legally binding
16 contract with those they seem to acquire assessments is very
17 alarming.

18 I would also ask for an independent study proving
19 that the proposed ACP is in the public's best interest which
20 includes a review of the accuracy of Dominion's report dated
21 February 9th of 2015 called the economic impacts of the ACP
22 and that the public is able to make comments.

23 One more request a study that maps the cumulative
24 impacts of the health and well-being of the communities
25 impacted by the proposed ACP both long and short-term.

1 Since we first heard about the proposed ACP coming through
2 our county I have observed an increase in stress, anxiety,
3 depression, insomnia, asthma, chest pain, some of these are
4 already serious conditions, others in times will progress to
5 even more serious disease states, heart attacks, strokes,
6 cancer.

7 This information is required to --

8 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired. The next
9 speakers are Charlotte Rea, Jarin Delaurier, James Marshall.

10 MS. REA: Federal regulations require pipeline
11 builders to consider the use of the right of ways for
12 building natural gas pipelines. These regulations also say
13 that the pipeline route should avoid the historic sites,
14 national landmarks and land, recreational and wildlife
15 areas, farmstead areas and steep slopes if at all possible.
16 Yet this finding grievance to FERC on side visit and
17 communications with Dominion identifying these areas,
18 Dominion continues to target them.

19 There is no run off analysis of the private
20 properties for the counties economic and water supply at
21 risk. A U.S. Department of Energy study published last
22 month found the need for additional natural gas
23 infrastructure going on for the last 15 years and energy use
24 places and natural gas infrastructure would reduce the need
25 for new pipelines. A recent U.S. energy information agency

1 report showed the demand for natural gas was declining in
2 every sector except exporting and industrial use, neither of
3 which can be considered as being a public convenience and
4 necessity.

5 Nelson County has no need for the natural gas and
6 will have no access to it. All of the options are strictly
7 for sensitive public lands. There is no part of the land
8 that will be made whole the property will be confiscated
9 through eminent domain since the landmarks will have to pay
10 out of pocket to improve the value of their loss.

11 And lining the DOE reports siting the law the
12 only acceptable impasse to Nelson County is -- requests FERC
13 requiring the ACC LLC to provide a pipeline which is
14 existing pipeline infrastructure existing utility
15 right-of-way to the extent possible thus minimizing the
16 damage to private property through eminent domain.

17 Provide a random analysis proving that the best
18 residential and commercially for a pipeline of this size .

19 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired. The next
20 speakers are Jarin Delaurier, James Marshall, Reverend James
21 Rose. Jarin Delaurier, 56? Speaker number 57 James
22 Marshall?

23 MR. MARSHALL: Good evening my name is James
24 Marshall. I'm a resident of the Woods Mill area and I am
25 here tonight representing the Woods Mill Property Owner's

1 Association. And I would like to give some points of the
2 letter that we have read to FERC and we have provided copies
3 to the Board of Supervisors and to Friends of Nelson.

4 We are here in protest of this pipeline crossing
5 our county so I would just like to read path points from
6 this letter. The Woods Mill Property Owner's Association
7 comprises 24 owners of 35 properties just west of Route 29
8 and Route 786 immediately bordering the Rock Fish River.

9 We are fully supportive of the position of
10 Friends of Nelson and their efforts to prevent the
11 installation of the ACP natural gas pipeline through Nelson
12 County. Our neighborhood enjoys a unique extent of nature
13 we are not unique in Nelson County. I think that the County
14 as a whole is unique. Friends of mine who do not live in
15 Nelson County for example, Augusta, Charlottesville, Atlanta
16 want to know why we chose to live in the mountains. Well
17 it's because it is a beautiful place. It is largely
18 undisturbed by great development, major industries and the
19 people are so friendly and those people seem so to be such
20 good stewards of their property and respectful to other
21 people's property.

22 So in that way Woods Mill Property Owner's is not
23 unique. In 1969 Hurricane Camille was devastating to all of
24 Nelson County. Three areas of the county that are always
25 singled out as more adversely affected are Massey's Mill, I

1 would have to add the Beach Bro area, David's Creek and
2 Woods Mill, that's where David's Creek joins the Rock Fish
3 River.

4 This was a terrible natural intrusion and our
5 organization has fortified at the suggestion of a manmade
6 pipeline intrusion. If you would have compared Nelson
7 County to a beautiful woman let's even include Augusta
8 County, that would be the back of this beautiful woman,
9 okay. The back of it okay -- would anybody welcome a
10 disaster that cut across the back of the head through this
11 forestation of her and came down as a broad scar across her
12 face that would remain for the rest of that beautiful
13 woman's life.

14 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired.

15 MR. MARSHALL: Pardon me there have been several
16 speakers who exceed their time and --

17 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired, there were
18 interruptions. Your time is expired sir please take your
19 seat, you are not interrupting this evening and you are
20 impairing the ability of other speakers to speak tonight,
21 please take your seat.

22 MR. MARSHALL: It hasn't been equally applied sir.
23 I would like to bring the audience attention to a letter to
24 FERC by the Jefferson Madison Soil and Broiler Conservation
25 History their manager of this organization is located in

1 Charlottesville --

2 MR. BOWMAN: Sir this is overtime, please take
3 your seat.

4 MR. MARSHALL: You have a copy of this so I would
5 encourage you to read it.

6 MR. BOWMAN: Please take your seat thank you, the
7 next speakers are Rev. James Rose, followed by Janice
8 Jackson, followed by Joe Madison, followed by John Zawatsky.

9 MS. JACKSON: Janice Jackson and I've been trying
10 for several months to point out the issues with putting a
11 pipeline through the historic valley and want I want to
12 reiterate is with this alternative route what Dominion has
13 done is just moved it across a modern paved road thinking
14 that there weren't going to be any significant Native
15 American issues. We know that that is not the case. The
16 long civilization was throughout that entire area. We know
17 that in 1860 -- here's a statistic for FERC.

18 There were 62 members in Nelson County and about
19 40% of those in the area were black and guess where a lot of
20 them lived, on the plantations, on all sides. Dominion is
21 required to pick the route that has the most sensitivity.
22 You cannot go anywhere through that area and say that you
23 are being sensitive to Indian American populations.

24 This has become pretty common to me because the
25 ultimate route goes through and I have spent several months

1 volunteering and guess what is going to come right through
2 my home and also another very significant active Native
3 American community, these are now my neighbors, people who
4 are the same who have strived through generations and I'm
5 not sure if they are all going to get to speak tonight, they
6 are waiting there -- this is just not -- this is just
7 absolutely not appropriate and these actually could make
8 the case that there is actually more African American
9 families -- take over and the cultural insensitivity and
10 again this is very personal because these are my neighbors.

11 I do feel that because I have spent months
12 volunteering trying to point out the inappropriateness of
13 this route and now for someone to assume the eastern
14 alternative route where we have significant weapons, in fact
15 I don't know of Doug Ploughman is here but we have some of
16 what he considers to be the rarest and some ancient swamp
17 and -- I don't think you can just pick it up and move it
18 anywhere else like that so from my perspective in terms of
19 historical, agricultural and environmental from a person as
20 a volunteer and now very personally there is no place in
21 Nelson where this route can go.

22 Dominion is just going to have one barrier after
23 another barrier I think it's time that they understand that,
24 thank you.

25 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is 59 Joe Madison,

1 John Zawatsky, Richard Averett.

2 MR. MADISON: My name is Joe Madison. Tonight I
3 am talking to you as a social scientist with an anthropology
4 degree from Hauster University in New York State. No
5 environmental impact study would be complete without a
6 thorough understanding of the people who are being impacted.

7 With that in mind I will tell you the people of
8 Nelson County are inventive, strong, resilient and have a
9 very deep sense of community and loyalty. In the past
10 Nelson County was a rural county of farmers, loggers and
11 folks who relied on the neighboring areas for employment.
12 That has changed.

13 By working together as a community we now have
14 the vital economy based not only on farming and logging but
15 also tourism, retirement opportunities, recreational
16 facilities, entertainment venues, wineries, brewers and many
17 businesses too small and too numerous to mention.

18 We have developed our community, we love our
19 county. As a matter of fact some of our county young people
20 are having the map of the county tattooed on their arms and
21 their legs as a reminder of their home. You said you want
22 to use eminent domain to force us to give up the land we
23 love. You want to put a pipeline here. We tell you use
24 existing right-of-ways as another alternative.

25 You tell us to write letters expressing our

1 concerns. I have written letters and so have most of the
2 staff here tonight explaining in greater detail all that
3 would be effected if this pipeline were build. For many
4 months now we have done everything you have said we should
5 do to stop this pipeline and you are still threatening to
6 bring it here. Is this kind of charade? Are we just going
7 through the motions so that we don't feel helpless that you
8 plan to rape our county?

9 You know as well as we do that there are many,
10 many risks and many dangers and much destruction involved
11 with building and then maintaining 42 inch pipeline, a
12 pipeline bigger than ever built by Dominion Power. We
13 already lost confidence in sending out those letters with
14 false information, we don't trust them.

15 We the people of Nelson County live here you do
16 not. We the people of Nelson County are not willing to risk
17 our children, our health, our environment, our history, our
18 economy and our community for the benefit of a for-profit
19 business and its wealthy stockholders.

20 We the people of Nelson County will never let you
21 build this pipeline. As an anthropologist one understands
22 these people, I state that a very thorough study of the
23 impact on the people who live here needs to be done before
24 anything is decided that is your responsibility and it is
25 our job, thank you.

1 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 60 John Zawatsky, followed
2 by Richard Averitt, followed by Wisteria Johnson.

3 MR. ZAWATSKY: Thank you I appreciate the
4 opportunity to comment and Joe for those appreciative
5 comments, good job. My name is John Zawatsky speaking to
6 you as a private property owner, on the eastern alternative
7 pipeline route, 1482 Hill Tower Road. I would like to put
8 each of you at my place at the podium for the new few
9 minutes, here's your story and indeed might be your story.

10 You have received two choices of survey from ACP
11 and looked at the alternative route online. The 125 foot
12 wide pipeline, the construction of over slicing here of 4
13 acres, northwest to southeast coming within 20 feet of your
14 back door. A 42 inch diameter pipeline -- high pressure gas
15 pipeline will be barely 75 feet from your back kitchen
16 porch. Your neighbors more or less owns 40 acres of steep
17 and slopes in the hillsides containing the Oak, Hickory and
18 Beech trees.

19 This forest will have a 125 foot clear cut
20 running through it, commissioning 40 acres also contains
21 streams, steeps and mountain stream that will be cut in
22 half. All of this water adjacent to a small freshwater pond
23 that's located on the route.

24 Your property is next, your property is seized,
25 your driveway, your home and water line to the house will be

1 destroyed inside the 125 foot construction zone. The
2 excavations, digging and heavy equipment activity will not
3 allow you to access your own home because your driveway will
4 be gone. No more water for your home and no way to get it
5 to or from your home.

6 Your neighbors to the south east have some
7 conservation issues on over 100 acres. These property
8 owners are prohibited from cutting their own trees. They
9 can't estimate dig, great or ditch their lining. It's sad
10 to know that Dominion and ACP aren't able to conduct these
11 activities with the 125 foot construction corridor fully
12 open to their land.

13 FERC every week that will review a regulatory
14 condition you must demand that Dominion and ACP propose
15 realistic and credible alternatives on existing routes, not
16 in the original proposed route from last year or the
17 recently announced alternatives of February 23rd. During
18 your review require that Dominion and ACP identify and plan
19 any pipeline used in the existing easements not new ones
20 with private citizens.

21 Tell them that the rights-of-way of existing
22 utilities relative to the related access already in place
23 has Dominion and ACP done this? I consider the way that
24 Dominion and ACP works on the analysis and alternatives,
25 totally inadequate and failing in every way unless you the

1 Commission gets more comprehensive information do not tear
2 this up.

3 MR. BOWMAN: Richard Averitt, Wisteria Johnson,
4 Heidi Berhoud.

5 MR. AVERITT: Richard Averitt.

6 I am a teacher here in Nelson County and I taught in central
7 Virginia, math, science for 26 years and I also have an
8 engineering degree in call so I am in the technical stuff
9 here tonight. I want questions to FERC something and I am
10 going to ask very specific questions.

11 I live on the border and I want to know how long
12 and more importantly how is the company that is running it
13 at the time in its lifetime going to stop something with
14 gas, that's what I want to know. Is it going to be just a
15 number of leaks or reduced reduction freshner, or what is
16 the protocol for shutting it down. I assumed it is going to
17 leave it in the ground because they cannot dig it up when it
18 is done it would be too expensive.

19 Last time we checked them things and you can't
20 smell a leak and the other problem with the thinking is that
21 it is invisible and it is in the air. So if we get down to
22 the ground.

23 How do we know it's there, how do we know it's leaking and
24 that's important because with research on how long pipeline
25 improvements -- most of the leaks are found by a neighbor

1 who reported something different in the area and how are we
2 going to see, hear, I'll hear the high pressure but most of
3 the leaks are very, very small in these systems. Just a
4 little leak in a lot of places, these are the leaks that
5 natural gas comparable to coal and greenhouse gas emissions.

6 You total up all the leaks in the whole country
7 it's about 6 of one, half a dozen of the other so I would
8 like to know is it pressure reduction I don't know how much
9 pressure reduction do you need to shut it down.

10 This is one for FERC is the compression station
11 going to be run by natural gas? Yes or no.

12 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired Wisteria
13 Johnson, Patti Hofferma, Dana Mitchelson.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Hi I'm Wisteria Johnson from Harris
15 Cove. I am afraid to start talking about our 7th generation
16 farms because I become very emotional and so what I am going
17 to try to do tonight is just stay general.

18 As a native Nelsonian I ask why the rural areas.
19 I am concerned that corporations are exploring the unseen in
20 unpeopled areas for their profit. Rural areas receive
21 historically the least and the worst. Something that hasn't
22 been mentioned tonight that also bothers me and it sounds
23 like it is out of the box but today's world terrorism I am
24 concerned.

25 I figure the government realizes that the

1 explosive nature of gas quickly changed this use from
2 domestic from international destruction. What I do not
3 understand is why these types of pipelines will carelessly
4 be placed in the back woods where access to these lines is
5 unobserved, unsecured and ultimately open to any time of
6 penetration.

7 And if that's not enough the government realizes
8 that the national enemy is a very intelligent one. So the
9 battle is this intelligence combined with secrecy and the
10 time that secrecy allows can create and circumvent any type
11 of safety technology.

12 Likewise considered that in these unobserved back
13 roads adjacent to the water tables of streams can occur and
14 I know it is a long period of time and this is despite our
15 gas gauges so the bottom line, back woods can get a lot of
16 regulatory and usually do.

17 What I wanted to get to is I am really
18 disappointed. I had a vision of how Commissioners, you know
19 people, to face the people tonight. Instead we get a tape
20 recorder and one or two people. We don't even know if it
21 will turn it on much less take this process seriously so in
22 my frustration I am giving this hope for them personally and
23 I will say it slow so that they can hear me. For all the
24 simple emotional harm it has suffered as a result of your
25 neglect, these are your Commission duties I hope that harm

1 is visited upon you personally and your family.

2 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Heidi Cochran.
3 Miss Cochran you did speak earlier.

4 MS. COCHRAN: Conceded.

5 MR. WILSON: My name is Chapin Wilson I'm on the
6 list to speak but you passed it thank you.

7 I live at 6438 Long Road. My property is now in
8 the proposed alternate route. It would run approximately if
9 I measured this 180 feet from my house and even closer to a
10 neighbor of mine on the other side of the court. I can sit
11 in my living room and look out to where the pipeline would
12 go. This is alarmingly close and potentially life
13 threatening.

14 Accidents happen, according to the Center for
15 Biological Diversity between 1986 and 2013 there have been
16 at least 7,978 incidents of pipeline malfunctions, resulting
17 in 512 deaths, 2,350 injuries and 6.83 billion dollars in
18 property damage. In our area we know all too well about the
19 consequences of a pipeline rupture close by in Appomattox in
20 2008. We have seen the blast craters from that picture.

21 And the Iraqis Pipeline is a very large much
22 more than the Appomattox one that would mean that I and my
23 neighbors would be immediately incinerated, couldn't find
24 anything to burn. Since the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as a
25 limited liability corporation registered in Delaware those

1 must mean they have no responsibility for the accidents that
2 might occur.

3 Won't they just go bankrupt by corporation and
4 open another? Is that a potential possibility of the
5 impact? A major question for you is why does Dominion
6 consistently propose to put pipeline so close to people's
7 houses? Either they are insensitive or they can't read the
8 county maps.

9 I have owned land here for 45 years and 8 members
10 of my family are buried on that land, however I will not
11 stay here if that pipeline comes through, Janus and I will
12 look for an alternative.

13 So now with respect to climate change which is a
14 major issue while we have to shut down the polar caps, we
15 have to have clean natural gas. This proposed pipeline is
16 not going to be good for climate change. I am so tired of
17 hearing about how natural gas brings us clean energy.

18 There is nothing natural about natural gas. Just
19 like coal is natural so why is it that natural gas is
20 different. One thing is a fact is that methane is leaked
21 through fracked gas or is at least 30% higher than what is
22 linked to conventional gas. That proposed methane means
23 that every state with production processing, storage and
24 distribution and methane is extraordinarily dangerous --

25 MR. BOWMAN: Your time is expired. The next

1 speakers are Jenna Mitchelson, Conny Roussos, Stephanie
2 Manas. 64, Jenna Mitchelson no Jenna Mitchelson? Conny
3 Roussos?

4 MR. ROUSSOS: My original intention was to speak
5 about the potential misapplication of eminent domain but I
6 feel like I need to briefly -- I want to say a few things in
7 favor of the FERC here. I know FERC has a website that you
8 can go ahead and register and submit an allocation which is
9 approved to receive all comments that are submitted to FERC
10 so I did that and there are lots and lots of these comments
11 coming down.

12 And in observing these comments it looks like
13 about half of them are asking for a 90 day extension and the
14 rest 90% are against the pipeline and maybe slightly more
15 are for the pipeline, some of the losers and the
16 politicians. Anyway that's why I very surprised when the
17 majority of the first couple of speakers were pro-pipeline.

18 Now possibly that's a coincidence I think it
19 probably very clever planning on their part however I
20 believe that's bad -- it has eroded public confidence in
21 this process and we need to support this process because
22 this is what we have and it is part of our democracy and
23 support FERC in their endeavors.

24 Now let's get back to eminent domain, according
25 to the Virginia constitution eminent domain is the power to

1 take things private or public property for public use
2 providing that there is just compensation. So I think the
3 key words there are public use and just compensation.

4 Now who should be the judge of public interest
5 with making Dominion -- FERC is going to get information
6 from many sources, certainly not just from here and Dominion
7 does something very well, and it makes a lot of money. Over
8 the last 10 years they have paid dividends anywhere over 9%
9 for their stockholders, but I believe the public opinion
10 expressed in terms of buying the vote and this is the vote.

11 So I hope that FERC will take that into
12 consideration very strongly and we are the ones who are
13 determining what is good.

14 The other issue is just compensation. The
15 Commonwealth of Virginia has decided to accept with the
16 Supreme Court's ruling and says that just compensation means
17 full and fair amount for the property taken. And you can't
18 judge property unless you have a something for farming or
19 for industry. People who buy land in Nelson County buy it
20 for its natural beauty it's a pristine environment et
21 cetera.

22 So you not only have to consider that this
23 property is going to affect directly by the pipeline to
24 their property but all the adjacent property too, thank you.

25 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 66 is Stephanie Manas, next

1 are Michael Collin, Alda Curtis.

2 MS. LAMBERT: Good afternoon I'm speaking in
3 place of Stephanie Manas.

4 MR. BOWMAN: Your name and spelling please.

5 MS. LAMBERT: Yes, Leana Lamberg, L-a-m-b-e-r-t.
6 I would like to request that you seriously you FERC consider
7 rejecting the plans for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline as an
8 American citizen, patriot, I would like to discourage you
9 from approving the plan to further a flawed.

10 The harm property owners, residents of effected
11 counties and the environment caused by the Atlantic Coast
12 Pipeline far outweigh the benefits. I reject the pipeline
13 is a non-renewable resource investment that will help secure
14 our energy future and help our environment. I reject
15 Dominion because I do not in the slightest believe they have
16 the best interest at heart.

17 They type and amount creating of new jobs in
18 Nelson County won't have any lasting effect. The teams to
19 install the lines will be specialized and more jobs that
20 maybe created will be temporary at best. In the long run
21 Dominion will bring down Nelson County and its property
22 values and worst case may even cause irreversible pollution.

23 Keep in mind this is the same company that
24 installed the clear cut fault line even after they received
25 evidence from geologists that it ran through the building

1 site.

2 In conclusion this pipeline is not a step in the
3 right direction, please do not approve the Atlantic Coast
4 Pipeline as United States citizens we have been descended
5 from people that went through the Civil War, Great
6 Depression, World War I, II. We have asked that those
7 situations that are in continuity creates how the diligence.
8 Please support new ways to include renewable energy
9 resources and our infrastructure and please reject the
10 Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

11 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Michael Caldwin,
12 Michael already spoke earlier so if he is not here I will
13 skip over him. 68 Alda Curtis followed by Charlie Weinberg,
14 followed by Thomas Wallace.

15 MS. CURTIS: I will be brief everyone spoke so
16 well. Thanks so much for the community I will quote Dr.
17 Seuss. I'm Laura and I speak for the trees. We are the
18 talk of the trees and the grand tail hawks and planted nests
19 on the mountain that I see out my window every day, a
20 mountain full of those incredible greens and endangered, the
21 latest one revisited each strain rejoicing as each unit
22 multiplies, rare orchids by the back creek, red and gray
23 foxes, black bears walking through our yards, all the swamp
24 birds, the screech owls, the barn owls, the wimper wills
25 that honor us with their songs.

1 We are in danger because of the threat this
2 pipeline poses to our homes, our industry which is
3 completely dependent on clean environment and our culture
4 which is one of stewardship of this land. Support renewable
5 energy, non-carbon based energy FERC, our survival depends
6 on it.

7 Dr. Suess again it's not about what it is it is
8 about what it can become.

9 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 69 Charlie Weinberg, Thomas
10 Wallace, Betty Tabony.

11 MR. WEINBERG: And I am a realtor and I have
12 already suffered loss from the Atlantic Coast Pipeline so I
13 guess I'm the canary in a coal mine. But I am really here
14 to discuss the scope of the Environmental Impact Study. I
15 understand the scope of the study includes disruption of the
16 economy, culture and environment along the pipe route.

17 Since the announcement of the southeast
18 reliability project Dominion hasn't played well with those
19 in the path of the pipe. They cite industrial privacy in
20 declining to name who is on the route so that they could
21 contact one another. I have attended all of the open houses
22 and I have talked about some of my client's properties, I
23 now have five listings on the pipe route that's not really
24 good.

25 At the last one when I tried to explain the

1 economic loss that my client might experience with Dominion
2 they nodded and smiled and then they nodded and smiled and
3 then they nodded and smiled again. I never took a note. At
4 another Dominion open house I talked to the environmental
5 tech and staff member about alternative routes and they said
6 it's really good but they haven't done enough explaining why
7 they can't use them and yet they would get with me and they
8 would take special attention but I followed up and I never
9 heard another word.

10 Dominion has repeatedly said that nothing in the
11 geology or geography of Nelson County is a hindrance to
12 building the pipe and any time the alternate route is
13 suggested we are told that there are geographic or geologic
14 obstacles to put in on the alternate route.

15 The one Dominion countered to suggest is perhaps
16 cost that their fiscal responsibility is to "to the people
17 who are paying for it", this completely disregards those
18 property owners who share the cost with the loss of their
19 property rights. And in October, 2014 Dominion was found
20 negligent including West Virginia waterways, someone has
21 discussed that.

22 Dominion is currently at the center of a lawsuit
23 in Tidewater where they are just like insisting that they
24 have to put a Statue of Liberty-size towers across the
25 Jamestown Island despite objection from nearly every

1 historic preservation and the communities that are around
2 there.

3 They are currently the target of a legal action
4 in Chesapeake where the Plaintiff has accused Dominion of
5 hiding studies that show toxic levels of coal ash and the
6 coal ash is blamed for contaminating water. Dominion
7 recently requested and received legislation providing
8 relieve from American inventory oversight and as part of
9 that they were to provide certain information to the
10 Commonwealth and as soon as they got the legislation passed
11 they started making efforts to renig on their agreement.

12 The letters sent, somebody has addressed this,
13 the 15 day notice is incorrect, they don't give enough time,
14 they don't identify property owners, they haven't identified
15 who they really are suing properly and so my experience says
16 that I have deep doubt with Dominion's ethics.

17 So what I am suggesting is that the scope of the
18 EIS must include an independent study of Dominion's
19 reliability to provide full information --

20 MR. BOWMAN: Thomas Wallace, Betty Tabony --

21 MS. TABONY: I'll give you the correct spelling.

22 MS. DAWNSWIR: My name is Virginia Dawnswir and I
23 don't want the pipeline. I want us to have renewables, my
24 children live on the property, my grandchildren live on the
25 property and my house and I want them to be there, I want

1 the land. I want the climate to be visible.

2 Okay I used to think the Environmental Protection
3 Agency protects us but you know the more I read it doesn't
4 seem to be the case. The name says it should Federal in
5 God's name holding up the letters --- what are the letters

6 MR. BOWMAN: Regulatory Commission.

7 MS. DAWNSWIR: Okay Regulatory Commission, you
8 would think that would be a protective agency. You would
9 think that that would protect us and the people around you.
10 I see it as a rubber stamp for big business. I feel like we
11 are just being sold down the river. I am going to go
12 through some specific points -- everything that anybody said
13 about opposing this I generally agree with. Our first
14 scoping period has to be increased. It is not enough time.
15 I want studies to be done on the impact of all of these
16 proposed pipelines and fragmentation that they are going to
17 do to the land here, not just saying that the ACP or
18 whatever the hell it is called and say that's okay.

19 Well we have 3, 4, 5 more other ones that will be
20 doing the same damn thing to land that is already
21 fragmented. That study needs to be done. Oh, people asked
22 about why can't Dominion use the rights-of-way. Do you know
23 what the universe has said to me, we don't get along with
24 data.

25 This is I'm assuming paid by Dominion, I can't

1 believe. And then I got a similar type of answer and I
2 can't remember verbatim about why they can't do the existing
3 in other ones, but it was in the same category. Is that a
4 responsible answer to a reasonable question? So yes I think
5 everybody here should be able to talk to them about doing
6 the alternative along those easements.

7 We don't want the pipeline I want this land for
8 my children and my grandchildren and everybody else, not
9 just in Nelson County but this whole country.

10 MS. TABONY: Hi I'm Betty Tabony. I'm concerned
11 that our Governor and Dominion are claiming that this
12 pipeline will benefit our country and increase global
13 warming by creating a switch from burning dirty coal to
14 clean and natural gas. I think they are not considering the
15 damage to the environment that results from the methods of
16 extracting the natural gas.

17 I want the Environmental Protection Agency to
18 scope the scope of their staff impact statement to
19 investigate how much the natural gas transported in this
20 proposed pipeline to the Nelson County will come from
21 fracking and what percentage of the fracked gas is expected
22 to increase in future years.

23 The impact on water on the local areas where
24 fracking is done, even if where it's done the amount of
25 methane that could reasonably be expected to be released

1 during that extraction process. The increase in global
2 warming that could be caused by that over the lifetime of
3 the pipeline and the let's see -- and also about all the
4 storing of that gas will increase global warming that's a
5 research fact.

6 That's what I think the scope should be
7 contained.

8 Thanks.

9 MR. BOWMAN: The next speakers are Mike Tabony,
10 Lorna Christionson and Elizabeth Sheppard.

11 MR. TABONY: Good evening my name is Mike Tabony
12 and I live in the stream of Southern Nelson County near
13 Gladstone. My wife and I bought property there in 1980 and
14 I have lived on the place since 1983. I am speaking
15 primarily for my grandchildren and their grandchildren.

16 When we are truthful we must admit that we are
17 renting the earth from them for a few more years and we owe
18 it to them to leave the planet in good shape. Earth is
19 already warm, both NASA and NOAH have stated that 2014 had
20 the highest average global temperatures since records have
21 been kept. In the Formula Leo becomes established the
22 scientists say that it is very likely that 2015 will be
23 warmer still.

24 The Arctic oceans' ice cover is down on an
25 average of 1 million square kilometers in the past 15 years.

1 Recently large holes have fallen in Siberia and scientists
2 believe they are falling because of vast amounts of escaping
3 methane, another greenhouse gas. That gas is locked into
4 the permafrost until we started warming the planet with
5 fossil fuel waste.

6 Large plumes of escaping methane gas have also
7 been recorded in the shallow seas close to Siberia. This
8 activity is adding to climate change problem and is
9 potentially very great. There are many disasters awaiting a
10 high percentage. The native American tribes like the
11 Iroquois Confederation tried to think seven generations ahead
12 when considering major decisions.

13 If we choose or chose to be so prudent this
14 pipeline would never be built. I should maybe claim that
15 the ACP is not going through my land but I am very concerned
16 about the construction of said line without considering the
17 environmental impact of the billions of tons of fossilized
18 CO2 that will be added to the atmosphere when the customers
19 burn the gas carried by this line.

20 The scope of the EIS of this project must
21 therefore present in unambiguous form using the best line to
22 build the effects of the combustion of the approximate tons
23 of gas that will be transported by this pipeline during the
24 service life. Gas that might be left in the ground if the
25 ACP was not built.

1 How much fossilized CO2 will this amount of gas
2 add to the atmosphere and how much additional warming with
3 the addition of this gas falls to the earth of our
4 grandchildren and their grandchildren. Before FERC can
5 approve this project it is only sensible to know these
6 things, thank you.

7 MR. BOWMAN: Lorna Christionson, Elizabeth
8 Sheppard, Heather Nolan.

9 MR. EICK: I'm speaking for Lorna. I'm signed up
10 as speaker number 121, my name is Tom Eick that is spelled
11 E-i-c-k. And one of the things that jumped out at me is how
12 can FERC or any agency really do a good assessment of this
13 pipeline project when the source of the fossil fuels that it
14 will be able to supply to a market is really an unregulated
15 process?

16 I mean the Fed's don't have anything, states
17 don't have anything and there is all of this anecdotal
18 evidence of ground water contamination and cancer from the
19 fracking fluids that get into the ground water. There is
20 even recently news of fracking induced earthquakes. I mean
21 it seems like we are putting the cart before the horse even
22 in thinking about allowing a pipeline of this sort.

23 I have a couple requests specifically for FERC.
24 One is to partner with the EPA in developing your
25 environmental impact statement because the EPA is currently

1 working on the Clean Power Plan as part of President Obama's
2 climate action plan and it makes sense that Dominion's
3 Pipeline Project be evaluated with regards to the Clean Air
4 Act and current and emerging initiatives to reign in carbon
5 pollution and try to slow down the destructive effects and
6 de-stabilizing effects of climate change.

7 I also want to request that FERC partner with the
8 Department of Defense because global climate change is an
9 increasing concern for our nation's defense. The world's
10 largest naval base is here in Virginia and the land mass is
11 subsiding. The sea levels are rising they are daily dealing
12 with inundation of one of our most important national
13 defense infrastructures.

14 And it is widely understood that global warming
15 will destabilize the populations and cause increasing global
16 conflict around the world. Nobody would say that today's
17 world is a safe place it will get even worse if we continue
18 our addiction to fossil fuels.

19 And lastly I want to ask FERC to partner with the
20 U.S. government's accounting office because I think it's
21 reasonable that this if this major investment in continued
22 fossil fuel extraction is allowed it would certainly affect
23 the viability of much need renewable energy infrastructure.

24 FERC should be developing their offshore wind
25 energy rather than this pipeline, it's got all of the --

1 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired.

2 MR. EICK: Thank you.

3 MR. BOWMAN: Speaker 74 Elizabeth Sheppard
4 followed by Heather Nolen, Heidi Berhoud.

5 MS. SHEPPARD: Good evening my name is Elizabeth
6 Sheppard. I am from Shipman and my father John Vergus spoke
7 earlier tonight. The sacrifice that is being given to the
8 property that will be taken by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline
9 -- sacrifice -- what does that word mean? The dictionary
10 gives the following definition: the forfeiture of something
11 highly valued for the sake of someone or something
12 considered to have a greater value or claim to sell or take
13 away at a loss.

14 The sacrifice of my elderly parents who lived and
15 farmed in Nelson County all of their lives are in the
16 sacrifice sentiment. The property that's been there for 7
17 generations will be taken if the pipeline route is approved.
18 We are told that the pipeline will be virtually invisible.
19 I think not.

20 The mountains stripped forever of its timber I
21 think to see how this scar across my grandparent's beautiful
22 home place could ever be considered invisible. Streams and
23 wells are polluted with the soil erosion and visible
24 heartland. Our hillsides and pastures ripped apart and laid
25 wide open, not invisible to me the sacrifice.

1 The Constitution guarantees each citizen life,
2 liberty and the pursuit of happiness, property rights, part
3 of the sacrifice. My father was told that this land may be
4 intended for public good, whose good, certainly not the
5 citizens of Nelson County. Why must property rights be
6 violated, there are existing utility and transportation
7 rights-of-way that could easily be used for construction of
8 the ACP. We are told these existing right-of-ways are more
9 costly to use.

10 Does the bottom line of company's profit carry
11 more importance than rights guaranteed by our Founding
12 Fathers, the sacrifice. You know I hear that phrase and it
13 takes my breath away. You see my parents like many in
14 Nelson County lived at the end of a dirt road way back in
15 what we call Purpose Hollow. If the pipeline were to be
16 built and there was ever a leak or heaven forbid an
17 explosion my parents would never survive. There is only one
18 way in and one way out and think of the mountains, the road
19 would be their only escape. One way in and one way out
20 would be no way in and no way out. I think of my parents
21 both in their 80's, proud people who have been good stewards
22 of the land.

23 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired, Heather Nolen
24 followed by Heidi Berhoud, followed by Linda Crowe.

25 MS. NOLEN: My name is Heather Nolan and I live

1 in Nelson County and I'm one of the Co-chairs of Friends of
2 Nelson. I am coming out to you now tonight just like I did
3 last night to tell an untold story and that's the story that
4 we are opposed still and the landowners.

5 The compelling past we will talk about because
6 there are few areas along the pipeline.

7 But I would urge everyone in this room who is by the
8 pipeline to also pay more attention to the health impacts of
9 compressor stations. And the research that we have done is
10 affecting you. We have learned from other communities what
11 they are experiencing and just within the last week in
12 Pennsylvania where there is a Millenium gas compressor but
13 we know that it is a FERC approved one of the compressors
14 out there.

15 So we must assume that any operation on the
16 compressor station is okay and so it is on the basis of from
17 what we see and what it means to the communities living with
18 compressor stations. It's on that that I don't understand
19 what is being proposed for Nelson County. So this week the
20 southwest Pennsylvania Project announced that it will be
21 testing 30 people living by the gas compressor. The
22 compressor's frequent blow-off emissions have been causing
23 health problems in residents, headaches, rashes,
24 gastro-intestinal are some of the problems. How will
25 FERC's environmental study bring in say the Center for

1 Disease Control to look at the minimum and reported impacts
2 from compressors before we move forward with yet another
3 one, this time in Buckingham.

4 Fossil organic compounds in rocks are well known
5 toxins that are produced by the compressor stations. Now I
6 am summarizing and getting details from the Madison County
7 Department of Health comments to FERC October, 2014.

8 They are more concerned about Dominion rather
9 than the sheds and compressor station there. When there is
10 a high concentration of that agent in a compound the same
11 significant explosion caused injury or illness after an
12 initial exposure, the future exposures might not even have
13 an impact if the first one at time producing an effect.

14 Repeated exposures will present many increased
15 risk for heart disease. Will FERC investigate the research
16 on that to ensure that correct federal statements are
17 adequate and appropriate to protect the public health? Will
18 FERC follow up to what the human health effects of peak
19 exposures from gas compressors --

20 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired. The next
21 speaker is Heidi Berhoud, Doug Horning and Linda Crowe.

22 MS. BERHOUD: Hi my name is Heidi Berhoud,
23 Buckingham County. I want to cede most of my time to
24 Heather. I am definitely against this pipeline and I would
25 like to ask FERC to -- and that said reject it outright and

1 why bother wasting all of this time and money and energy on
2 this instead of renewables. Thank you.

3 MS. NOLAN: The toxic gases from compressors
4 things like benzene, formaldehyde, methylene chloride these
5 are substances that have very negative effects. Today I was
6 told that they would have presentations by FERC giving an
7 overview of this entire project, and the compressor station
8 and the details. We are really scouting for information
9 Dominion is not forthcoming about information and we would
10 ask FERC to explain what they believe the anticipated
11 emissions will be? How many of the volatile organic
12 compounds, how many tons are we talking about, how will it
13 particularly matter, the effect on the population.

14 It's hard to trust a process where we are told
15 that we will have a certain information but we did not. We
16 were told that because Buckingham was getting the compressor
17 station, they won't have in the scoping project. It is
18 difficult to trust a process that we were told that the
19 scoping meeting would be a presentation by FERC and a
20 presentation by Dominion in detail about what was happening.

21 It's very hard to trust Dominion when we read
22 about reports of the violations at -- where this has been
23 happening in 2012 and 2013 they were not reported and yet
24 they are to be reported immediately because they have severe
25 consequences for people for instance that.

1 Dominion is also creating joint ventures for the
2 energy for instance. The Blue Mountain Project in Ohio has
3 now been raised so that Dominion can fold operations and let
4 it fly under the radar. That compression station now is
5 just over there.

6 Dominion has been cited with numerous violations
7 at the compressor station as well and Dominion has been
8 granted and they grant this to themselves.

9 Dominion has granted themselves a year to face
10 the noise that is --

11 MR. BOWMAN: Your time has expired Miss Nolan.

12 MR. HORNING: Hi I'm Doug Horning excuse me third
13 generation in Nelson County. In this paper that some of you
14 referred to as Friends of Nelson website, is an analysis of
15 the need that's something I want to address tonight and it
16 is absolutely part of the process as FERC colleagues here
17 have told me and it absolutely has to meet need.

18 Dominion has been taking out full page ads and
19 they talk about an unprecedented national rising demand for
20 power. Well let's dig into that a little bit, here's the
21 chart that is posted on the website, those of you may have
22 seen. Electricity in the United States went in an almost
23 unbroken line upwards until 2008. In 2008 it peaked and it
24 has never gone back.

25 Demand for electricity in the United States has

1 dropped, they are lying to you it has dropped. It is down 2
2 1/2 % since August of 2008. Dominion also quoted that a
3 study by University of Virginia which they said population
4 in Virginia is going to rise a half a million by 2020. What
5 they didn't say is it is almost entirely north of Virginia
6 this is not serviced by this pipeline.

7 Where are they servicing? I'll tell you what if
8 you dig to get a report on it I think they didn't want us to
9 do this if you dig into that same report you can check the
10 figures for Taiwan and operations in Hampton, Virginia it's
11 about now, by 2020 rise in population of Taiwan is 13,000
12 and that's almost nothing so obviously there is no need
13 there.

14 Overall naturally population in the United States
15 is really dropping for each generation so we are in this
16 population losses as the gap spins around. I just want to
17 end with a quote that I really love.

18 May 2013 somebody said betting too much on
19 natural gas no matter how much it appeals to us exposes
20 consumers to supply disruptions, shortages and price effects
21 not to mention abrupt and unexpected shifts in the
22 regulatory economy and if you have read the paper you would
23 have seen that, Tom Carroll, CEO Human Resources.

24 MR. BOWMAN: The next speaker is Linda Crowe and
25 Linda Crowe unfortunately will be the last speaker tonight,

1 so we have it until 10:45 we tried to extent it as long as
2 we could and that is the latest that we do have the facility
3 so Linda will be the last speaker for tonight.

4 Thank you for the information we will consider
5 that but right now Linda has the floor so she will have her
6 three minutes. Linda please go ahead, please take your
7 three minutes Linda.

8 MS. CROWE: Thank you very much. The hour is
9 late and Elizabeth Sheppard has to get up and teach second
10 grade tomorrow. We have heard a lot from Dominion over the
11 past few months about the public benefit and the necessity
12 of the pipeline. However, no one has really explained to
13 people who use gas in America that there will likely be a
14 shortage and we have heard here today that gas that was
15 extracted with frack that it causes earthquakes and put
16 unknown chemicals into our water.

17 What the pipeline represents for certain is
18 sedimentation in our water from here to the Chesapeake Bay.
19 It represents a greater potential for landslides in a county
20 that has seen its share of them. It represents a danger to
21 our citizens through the risk of gas leaks and explosions
22 increased losses to many small business owners who have
23 invested here with their livelihood and their families.

24 As much of all of these things I feel that it
25 represents a lack of imagination that in my opinion is

1 un-American. 70 years ago this country needed to bring
2 about an end to World War II. Our government assembled the
3 brightest minds in the world around one project. Working
4 together for two years these scientists unleashed the awesome
5 energy of the atom. It is passed time to assemble the
6 brightest minds around and develop pollution free energy
7 renewables.

8 We are Americans our problems are often difficult
9 but never impossible so let's get to it. You work for the
10 government. If you want to do something that is truly in
11 the public interest do not approve this pipeline.

12 MR. BOWMAN: I want to thank everyone for
13 attending the record will show that people did not have the
14 chance to speak tonight. For those of you that do want to
15 submit comments you can please leave your comments with us
16 today or tonight at the table or you can grab information
17 from the sign-in tables outside to get information on how to
18 file comments online.

19 On behalf of the Federal Energy Regulatory
20 Commission thank you for coming, this meeting closed at
21 10:50 P.M.

22 (Whereupon at 10:50 p.m., the scoping meeting was
23 adjourned.)

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